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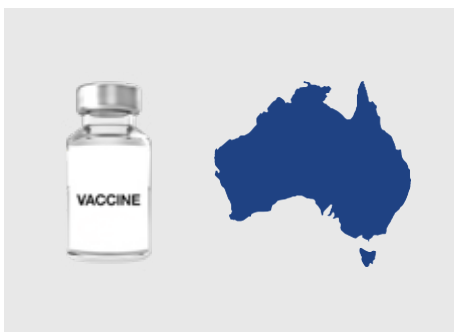
## Why it is important for children to get vaccines



This information is about why it is important for children to get **vaccines**.



**Vaccines** are medicines that can help stop children from getting sick.



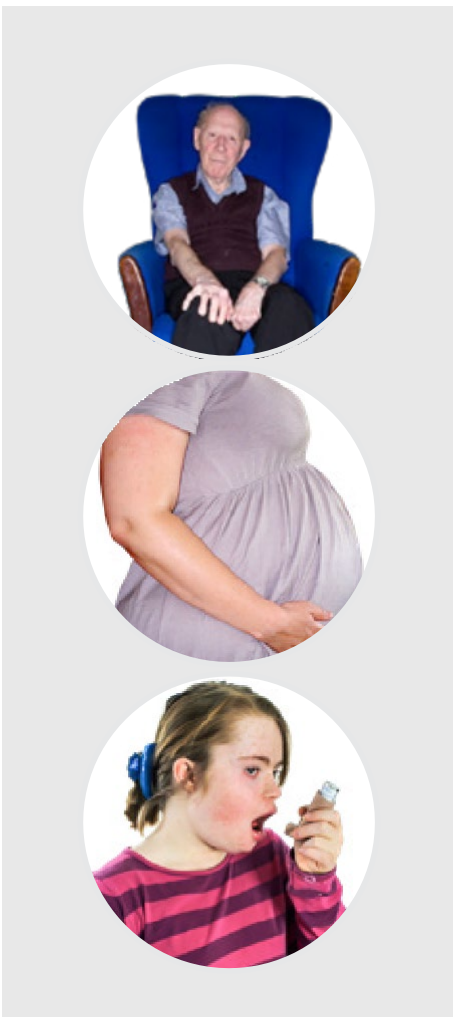
Vaccines have been very good for Australia.



They have helped stop people from getting very sick from **diseases**.



**Diseases** are things your body gets and makes you sick.

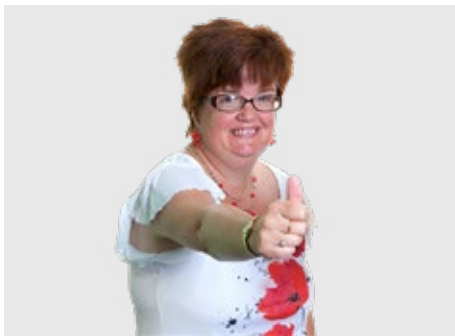


When your child gets a vaccine it can also stop others getting sick like

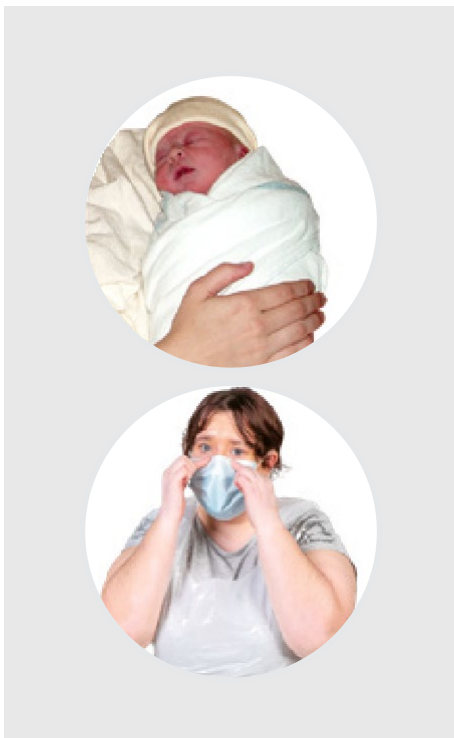
- Older people
- People who are pregnant
- People with health issues.



When lots of people have vaccines it is harder for a disease to spread around.



This helps keep people safe who can not get vaccines.



It helps people like

- Babies who are too young to get a vaccine
- People who can not get a vaccine because of a health reason.

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