



## **Defense Health Agency (DHA) Clinical Communities Speaker Series**

### **APR 2022 CCSS: Military Children and Youth: Extending Force Protection to our Nation's Most Valuable Assets**

#### **S04: Immunization and Vaccine Updates from the CDC and DHA**

##### **Resource List**

The process of being vaccinated and immunized is regarded as a success of modern medicine. Unfortunately, vaccines remain controversial and many aspects of the immunization process are unknown to parents and concerned healthcare providers. The [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) (2022) maintains a website to communicate their trusted guidance to parents regarding several childhood medical conditions, healthy growth and development and guidance on parenting.

Shared clinical decision-making recommendations are individually based and informed by a decision process between the health care provider and the patient or parent/guardian. [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (2021) published frequently asked questions (FAQs) for healthcare providers to review and discuss with parents and caregivers. The FAQs also discuss how and when to engage certain age groups and at risk populations with this information.

Vaccines to prevent infectious diseases are given to millions of babies, children, adolescents and adults and it is critical that they are demonstrated to be safe and effective. The [Food and Drug Administration](#) (2019) has partnered with other reputable research facilities to ensure the risks and benefits of vaccinating children are available for the general public. This informative guide explains the types of vaccines, preparatory methods for parents, infants and children prior to receiving vaccines and instructions on how to report a vaccine adverse event.

[National Academies of Sciences](#) (2021) is offering advice for parents as they decide whether or not to vaccinate their children. This brief article discusses side effects by age group but more importantly highlights strategies for healthcare providers to discuss the COVID-19 vaccines with their parents and patients.

[World Health Organization](#) (2020) created the Global Vaccine Action Plan 2011-2020 because they believe that vaccines will contribute to safer individuals and communities worldwide. This report is a review of the progress over the entire decade, goals and objectives that were set and met and lessons learned from the implementation plan.



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