

MMR vaccines and anti-vaxxers

MMR vaccine prevents the illness by teaching the _____ to fight off the virus. But a rising tide of parents are refusing to _____ their children. This refusal is not because the _____ process is traumatic, nor because the apparatus is daunting in _____ to a child. Even though they may be so, the vaccination process causes lasting physical _____ for almost no one, and the value of the vaccine far _____ any unpleasantness. Some parents typically reject the vaccines because they fear that the biological substance in a vaccine contains harmful _____ that cause neurological _____. This erroneous belief originated with an article about the connection between _____ spectrum disorder and _____ that was published in 1998 in a medical journal. The journal later retracted the article and the author was subsequently _____ and barred from practicing _____. However, the panic the article induced was widespread and _____. What made it worse was the frightening _____ in the rate of autism cases in the United States. Since that time, there have been several major _____ of the illness due to _____ vaccination rates.

In an effort to encourage parents to _____ their children, health officials have conducted several _____ on vaccines and autism and have found absolutely no link between the two. In response to a law passed in 2015, for example, California and Vermont will no longer _____ unvaccinated children to attend _____ school without a valid medical _____ for not being vaccinated. Therefore, childhood vaccination rates _____ in most counties of California in 2015.