

Like Parent, Like Child—Especially When It Comes to Vaccinating

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vaccinations. As you will find by reading this study, if the parent has received an influenza vaccine, their children are almost 3 times as likely to be immunized against influenza—but even more importantly, these children were also more likely to receive other recommended vaccinations including HPV.

Have you ever asked parents if their immunization status was up to date or if they plan on getting the influenza vaccine? Doing so may lead to their children also getting vaccinated. Check out this interesting study that may result in less vaccine hesitancy if you can first convince parents of their need to be fully up to date on their own immunizations—and the influenza vaccine is a great starting point.

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