



## Vaccine Hesitancy and Child Immunizations: Rationales, Issues and Knowledge Gaps 2022

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Globally, infant and childhood vaccine coverage rates are still not high enough, with outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases occurring frequently, even in high-income countries. Vaccine hesitancy is one of the factors explaining suboptimal percentages of vaccination coverage, which is defined by the SAGE group as a “delay in acceptance or refusal of vaccines despite availability of vaccine services”. The decision not to vaccinate or to delay vaccine shots is derived from a complex decision-making process influenced by numerous factors related to population, context, environment, historical period and single vaccines.

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