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## **COMMUNITY IMMUNITY!**

Community immunity (herd immunity) is when a high percentage of a community is immune to a disease. It can be achieved when a high number of people in a community have been vaccinated against a disease, or have been infected by it before.

Community immunity makes it difficult for a virus to spread because most people it comes into contact with are immune. This way, the whole community has protection, not just those who are immune.



Achieving community immunity with safe & effective vaccines makes diseases rarer & saves lives without exposing people to the disease.





People who can't be effectively vaccinated may depend on this protection. E.g., newborn babies too young to be vaccinated, elderly people, or those with weakened immune systems.

Getting vaccinated, if you can, may not only protect you, but also those in your community who can't be effectively vaccinated.



