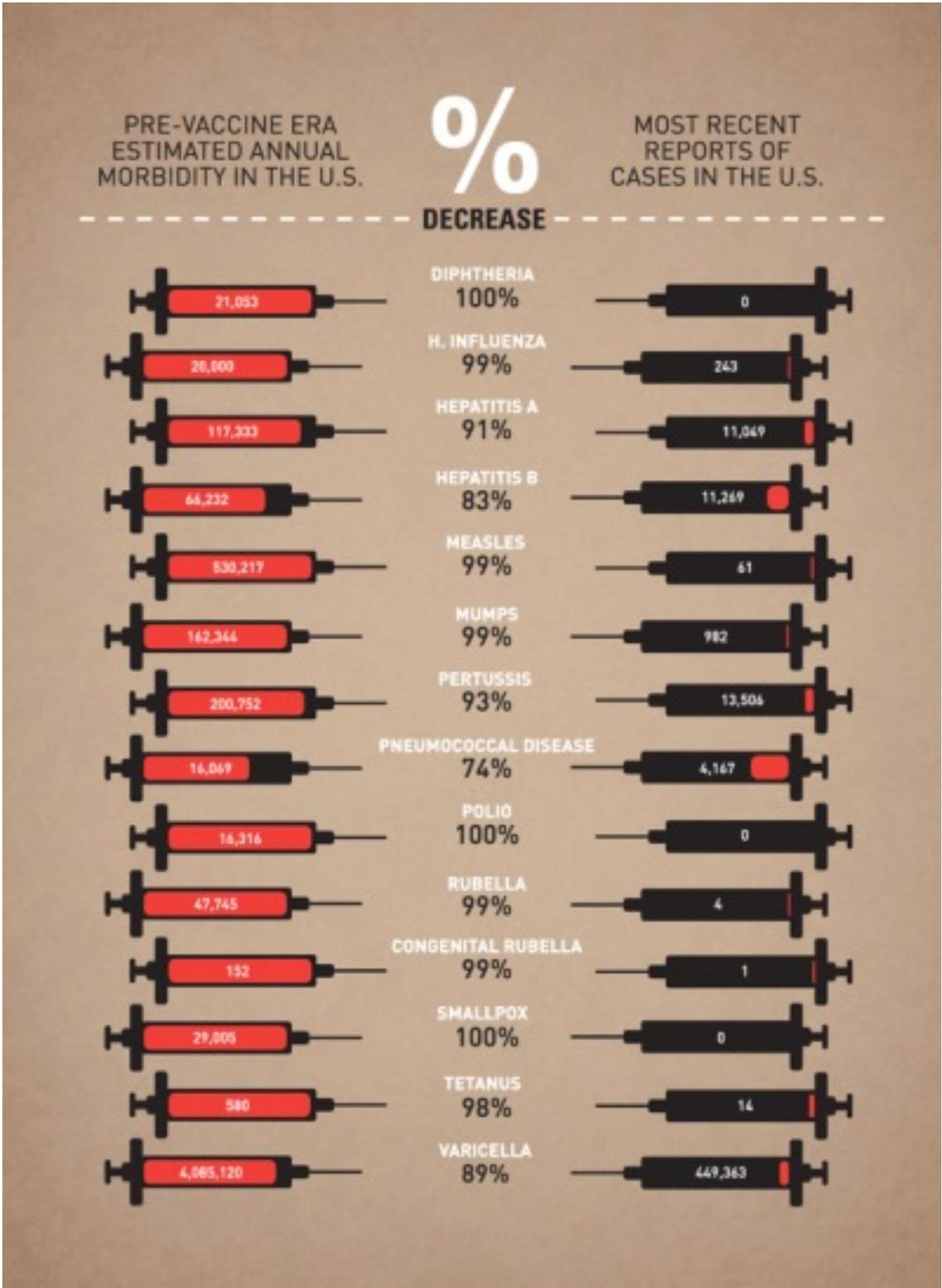


Why Vaccinate?

Vaccines are the best way to prevent infectious diseases. Many vaccines have been produced that can and will protect us from many deadly diseases if only they are used. Smallpox is a disease that once killed millions of people worldwide each year. During the twentieth century alone, the World Health Organization estimates that 300 to 500 million people died from this disease. Today, smallpox no longer exists because of a vaccine. And yet, there are those that will encourage you to not have your children vaccinated.

There are many other success stories in the fight to control deadly infectious diseases with vaccines. In the United States, polio and diphtheria, have been wiped out. The incidences of infections with measles, mumps, rubella (German measles) and Haemophilus influenza have dropped 99% from their pre-vaccine levels due to vaccines. Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B have dropped 91% and 83%. Pneumococcal disease has dropped 74% and tetanus 98%. Chicken pox (varicella) has dropped 89% going from 4,085,120 cases the year before the vaccination was introduced to 449,363 cases in the most recent year for which there are statistics. All of these miracles are due to the discovery, effectiveness, and widespread usage of vaccines. And yet, with all of these scientific facts available at the click of a mouse, there are still those that will encourage you to not vaccinate your children. Even more astonishing is the knowledge that some parents trust the beliefs of a playboy bunny [Jenny McCarthy](#) and a British "researcher" whose study (which implied that the MMR vaccine caused autism) was declared "fraudulent" resulting in him losing his medical license [Andrew Wakefield](#) over volumes of scientific evidence that vaccines are safe and effective.



Please vaccinate your children. Their health and the health of those around them depend on your decision.