Vaccination strategies against pneumococcal infections are recommended by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for all solid organ transplant recipients.

**How can you or your loved one get protected?**

- Transplant recipients should get the pneumococcal vaccine (PCV13) per routine and catch up schedules.
- Transplant recipients over 2 years of age should also get an additional pneumococcal vaccine (PPSV23) for extra protection.
- Your child may need both PCV13 and PPSV23 vaccines.
- Bring the attached page to your primary care physician to make sure your child is up to date.

**Dangers of pneumococcal diseases**

- Infections with the bacterium *Streptococcus pneumoniae* can cause life-threatening diseases, including:
  - Pneumonia (lung infection)
  - Bloodstream infections
  - Meningitis (infection of the brain)
- Pneumococcal diseases can be much more severe in transplant recipients.
- Pneumococcal diseases are the 2nd most common cause of vaccine preventable death in the US.