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Although vaccination is acknowledged to be one of the most cost-effective public health strategies available to prevent many communicable viral and bacterial infections, large numbers of Americans above the age of 18 remain vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases. Although upwards of 90% of children receive most of the vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, variable and generally low rates of coverage are the norm for adults.

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