Researchers Working On Vaccine For the Common Cold

Researchers at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh believe that a cure for human metapneumovirus (MPV), one of the leading causes of the common cold and other respiratory diseases, may be in our near future.

Researchers are working on a vaccine for MPV. The virus causes respiratory infections and is said to infect everyone by age 5.

> *If one of your kids gets a cold around February or March and they bring it home to you, that could likely be MPV or metapneumovirus."*
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> *Dr. John Williams*

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Dr. Williams has been studying MPV since it was discovered in 2001. He is working on the vaccine. Williams says the virus has been around for hundreds of years and can be deadly.

> *Although most people who get MPV are just going to have a cold, plenty of people – kids and adults – are going to be hospitalized every year and some of them are going to die."*

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Right now the child and adolescent Immunization Schedule includes more than 50 shots, as can be seen on the CDC's web page here. Check out World Mercury Project for a breakdown of what that means.