

Protect your child with vaccines

Your child's free vaccines protect them against infectious diseases, every single day.

Why should I get my child vaccinated?

Childhood vaccines have been given to children in Ireland and around the world for many years. Research tells us that they are safe, and that they work.



Vaccines are the best and safest way to protect our children from serious infections.

Does the timing matter?

The best way to keep your child safe from these diseases is to make sure they get all of their vaccines on time.

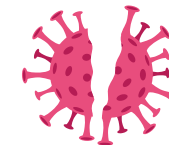
It is best to stay on schedule, as every time a vaccine is delayed, it leaves your child at risk.



Will vaccines protect my child from diseases?

Vaccines protect your child against 14 infectious diseases. These diseases have not gone away.

Babies and small children are at a higher risk of becoming seriously ill from infections because their immune systems are not fully developed yet.



How much do vaccines cost?

In Ireland, childhood vaccines are free for all children through their GP practice.

By getting your child vaccinated on time, you are giving them the best protection at the time when they need it most.



What happens if I miss a visit?

If your child has missed any vaccines, they can still catch up. Talk to your GP or your GP nurse. They will arrange for your child to catch up with the vaccines that they need.

If your child has come to Ireland from another country, they can also catch up with vaccines that are recommended in Ireland.



Remember five visits to your GP

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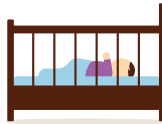
Your Child's Vaccines

Babies born on or after 1 October, 2024

Which vaccines will my child receive?

Visit 1 – 2 months

6 in 1+PCV+MenB+Rotavirus
3 Injections+Oral Drops



Visit 2 – 4 months

6 in 1+MenB+Rotavirus
2 Injections+Oral Drops



Visit 3 – 6 months

6 in 1+PCV
2 Injections

No Rotavirus vaccine on
or after 8 months 0 days



Visit 4 – 12 months

MMR+MenB+Chickenpox
3 Injections



Visit 5 – 13 months

6 in 1+MenC+PCV
3 Injections



If you move to Ireland

If your child has come to Ireland from another country, they should get the vaccines that are recommended in Ireland. This protects them from diseases that are more common in Ireland. The GP or General Practice Nurse will tell you which vaccines your child may need.

Abbreviations and what they mean

6 in 1	Diphtheria, Haemophilus influenzae b (Hib), Hepatitis B, Pertussis (whooping cough), Polio and Tetanus
PCV	Pneumococcal conjugate
Rotavirus	Rotavirus oral vaccine
MenB	Meningococcal B
MMR	Measles, Mumps, Rubella
Chickenpox (Varicella)	Chickenpox vaccine
MenC	Meningococcal C



What can I expect after my child gets their vaccines?

- A fever is common after a MenB vaccine. Please bring liquid infant paracetamol to your first two visits. This will help the fever.
- Sometimes children can get soreness, swelling and redness in the area where the injection was given. Make sure clothes are not too tight.
- Mild diarrhoea is normal after the rotavirus oral vaccine. Give your child plenty of milk. Wash your hands carefully after changing and disposing of your child's nappy.

A cuddle and a feed will help your child feel better after their vaccines.

Remember your child needs five visits to the GP to make sure they are fully protected.

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