

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD

DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, WHOOPING COUGH, POLIO, HiB (DTaP/IPV/Hib)

When your baby is two months old, you will be asked to bring them for their first DTaP/IPV/Hib injection against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) and polio.

They will also be offered the Meningitis C vaccine which can be given at the same time.

They will then be asked to come back for another two doses of both DTaP/IPV/Hib and Men C when they are three and four months old.

MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA

The vaccines which immunise against measles, mumps and rubella are also combined into one injection. The combined vaccine is known as MMR and it replaced the measles vaccine in 1988. The best time to have it is between 12 and 15 months, but it can be given at any later age. Even if you think your child has already had one of these diseases or the measles-only vaccine, your child should still have the MMR vaccine.

YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR CHILD EARLIER THAN EVER USING THE STANDARD TIMETABLE

Although babies have some natural immunity, whether bottle or breast fed, it only lasts a short time and diseases like whooping cough are most dangerous in the very youngest children. There are more deaths in the younger ones from this disease than all other age groups combined, so early protection is important. The timetable (see below) also means that the immunisations can be completed while your child is visiting the clinic/doctor regularly and before you go back to work. It is a timetable that everyone can remember, the same across the country.

WHEN TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD

AT BIRTH	TB vaccination	
AT 2 MONTHS	Hib Diphtheria Whooping Cough Tetanus Polio	DTaP/IPV/HiB one injection
	Meningitis C	one injection
AT 3 MONTHS	Hib Diphtheria Whooping Cough Tetanus	DTaP/IPV/HiB one injection

	Polio	
	Meningitis C	one injection
AT 4 MONTHS	Hib Diphtheria Whooping Cough Tetanus Polio	DTaP/IPV/HiB one injection
	Meningitis C	one injection
AT 12-18 MONTHS (usually before 15 months)	Measles Mumps Rubella	MMR one injection
1-4 YEARS	Supplementary Hib	
3-5 YEARS (around school entry)	Diphtheria Tetanus	booster injections
	Polio	booster by mouth
	MMR II	
GIRLS 10-14 YEARS	Rubella	one injection
GIRLS/BOYS 13 YEARS	Tuberculosis	one injection (BCG) even if had it at birth
SCHOOL LEAVERS	Tetanus	one injection
15-19 YEARS	Polio	booster by mouth

If your child has missed any of these immunisations, or started them late, please notify us quickly so that your child can have the earliest opportunity of being immunised. Your doctor will tell you how to fit them in so that your child is fully protected.