

Vaccination



What is a Vaccine?


- A vaccine is medicine.
- When you get this medicine, you are **vaccinated**.



What do Vaccines do?

- Vaccines help your body to prevent disease.
- The vaccine helps your body to make antibodies that fight diseases.
- Babies get vaccines to help them fight diseases. You may have been vaccinated when you were a baby.

Primary Childhood Immunisation Schedule
Babies born on or after 1 October 2016




Age	Vaccination
2 months	Visit 1 6 in 1+PCV+MenB+Rotavirus 3 Injections+Oral Drops
4 months	Visit 2 6 in 1+MenB+Rotavirus 2 Injections+Oral Drops
6 months	Visit 3 6 in 1+PCV+MenC 3 Injections
No Rotavirus vaccine on or after 8 months 0 days	
12 months	Visit 4 MMR+MenB 2 Injections
13 months	Visit 5 Hib/MenC+PCV 2 Injections

Remember to give your baby 3 doses of liquid infant paracetamol after the 2 and 4 month MenB vaccines.

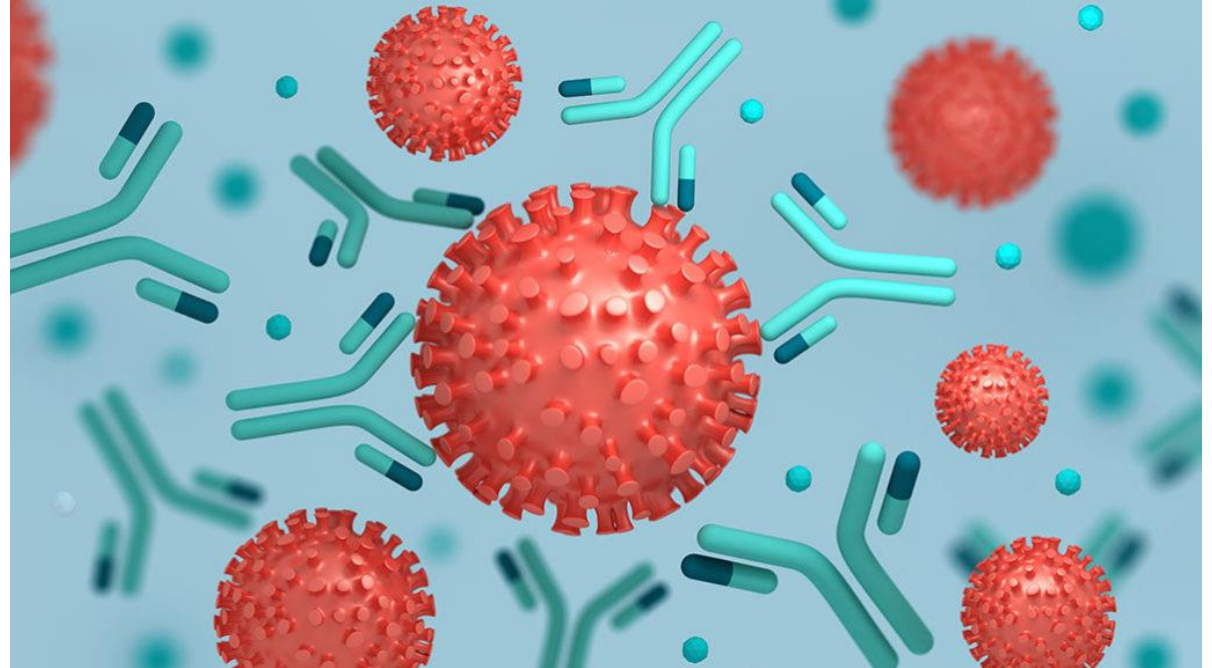
1. Give 2.5 mls (60 mg) of liquid infant paracetamol at the time of the immunisation or shortly after.
2. Give a second dose of 2.5 mls (60 mg) 4 to 6 hours after the first dose.
3. Give a third dose of 2.5 mls (60 mg) 4 to 6 hours after the second dose.

 Remember five visits to your GP (doctor) www.immunisation.ie

Is there a vaccine for Covid-19?

- Yes. The COVID-19 vaccine will help protect you from COVID-19 by making antibodies.
- Antibodies will help your body fight COVID-19. This is called immunity.



What is the Covid -19 Vaccine called?

- You might hear different names for the Covid – 19 vaccine.
- The vaccines have different names because different companies made them.
- Some common names are Pfizer - BioNTech, Moderna or Johnson and Johnson



How will I get the vaccine?

- The COVID-19 vaccine is given as an injection.
- The injection is given in your upper arm.
- A doctor, nurse or pharmacist will give you the vaccine.



Do I have to get the vaccine?

- The vaccine is free and will be available to every adult in Ireland.
- You have a choice whether to have the vaccine or not.
- It is important to remember that the vaccine will help to protect you from the effects of Covid-19.



Useful Resources

- <https://adscresearches.advocatehealth.com/visuals-and-videos-about-the-covid-19-vaccine/>
- <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/covid-19-vaccine-materials/covid-19-vaccine-information-accessible-and-easy-read-formats/>