After your child has been immunised



Please wait 15 minutes after vaccination

VACCINATIONS MAY CAUSE THE FOLLOWING REACTIONS



Where the needle was given: sore, red, itching or swelling for 1–2 days; hard lump for a few weeks



Mild fever that doesn't last long



Unsettled, crying or sleepy

WHAT TO DO AT HOME



Offer more breastfeeds, or give extra water, if not breastfeeding



If the child has pain or fever, give paracetamol



Wash hands after changing nappy



If the child has a fever, dress in light clothing

GET MEDICAL HELP IF

- · Paracetamol doesn't help pain or fever
- · Reactions are not going away
- · Reactions are getting worse
- Contact your GP for urgent appointment
- · Healthdirect 1800 022 222
- · Ambulance 000

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT A REACTION

ACT Health, Health Protection Service www.health.act.gov.au/immunisation To report a reaction, call 5124 9800

Immunise Australia Program www.immunise.health.gov.au

National Centre for Immunisation, Research and Surveillance (NCIRS) www.ncirs.edu.au

Immunisations recommended under the National Immunisation Program

Age/s	Immunisation	What might happen?	When might this happen?
2 months (can be given from 6 weeks) and 4 months	Diphtheria - Tetanus - Pertussis (whooping cough) Hepatitis B Haemophilus influenza type b Poliomyelitis (polio) Pneumococcal	Mild fever less than 38.5°C Unsettled, irritable A small lump may last for several weeks	4 – 48 hours
	Rotavirus	Vomiting, diarrhoea or stomach pain The vaccine virus is passed in the stools	1 – 2 weeks
6 months	Diphtheria - Tetanus – Pertussis (whooping cough) Hepatitis B Haemophilus influenza type b Poliomyelitis (polio)	Mild fever less than 38.5°C Unsettled, irritable A small lump may last for several weeks	4 – 48 hours
12 months	Measles – Mumps – Rubella (MMR)	Mild fever, faint rash, runny nose or puffy eyes, swollen glands	5 – 12 days
	Meningococcal ACWY Pneumococcal	Mild fever, redness and swelling at injection site, irritable	4 – 48 hours
18 months	Measles - Mumps - Rubella Varicella (chickenpox) (MMRV)	High fever for more than 38.5° C for 2-3 days Faint red rash, head cold, runny nose, puffy eyes, tiredness or swollen glands	5 – 11 days
		Chickenpox-like rash (2-5 spots)	5 – 26 days
	Diphtheria – Tetanus – Pertussis (whooping cough)	Mild fever, irritable A small lump may last for several weeks	4 – 48 hours
	Haemophilus influenza type b	Fever pain and redness at injection site	3 – 24 hours
4 years	Diphtheria – Tetanus – Pertussis (whooping cough) Poliomyelitis (polio)	Mild fever, irritable A small lump may last for several weeks	4 – 48 hours
6 months to under 5 years	Seasonal Influenza (flu)	Mild fever, muscle aches	4 – 48 hours