



MOST IMMUNISATIONS HAVE NO REACTION, BUT...

If your baby feels too hot

Give them more to drink (water or breast feeds)
Loosen their clothing and don't overdress

If your baby is unsettled, grumpy, crying or has a fever

Give them paracetamol as advised by your nurse or doctor
Give them plenty of cuddles

If your baby is sleepy or slow to feed

Please watch them carefully
Encourage them to drink if possible

If your baby is red, swollen or sore at the injection site

Avoid rubbing the injection site as this will make the reaction worse

What should I do if I am worried about my child?

Call for help right away from your nurse, doctor or hospital.

If in doubt call your nurse or doctor

ALL OF THESE REACTIONS CAN BE EXPECTED, BUT MAY NOT OCCUR WITH YOUR CHILD - IF IN DOUBT SEE YOUR NURSE OR DOCTOR

Today your child received	Vaccine	Most common side effect	When this could start
	Diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTaP) -inactivated polio (IPV) -hepatitis B (Hep B)/ <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) (DTaP-IPV-Hep B/Hib)	Mild fever, unsettled, swelling or soreness at the site of injection	Within 6 hours
	Pneumococcal (PCV7)	Mild fever, unsettled, swelling or soreness at the site of injection	Within 6 hours
	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib)	Fever, unsettled, swelling or soreness at the site of injection, vomiting	Within 6 hours
	Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)	Mild fever, rash, unsettled, swollen glands	Rash occurs between 5 and 12 days after immunisation
	Diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTaP) -inactivated polio (IPV)	Fever, unsettled, swelling or soreness at the site of injection, vomiting	Within 6 hours
	Hepatitis B (Hep B)	Mild fever, unsettled, swelling or soreness at the site of injection	Within 6 hours

Do adverse reactions need to be reported?

All serious adverse vaccine reactions are reported to the Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring (CARM). If your child has an unexpected response following the vaccine please let your nurse or doctor know. They will assess your child and decide whether to report this event.

If you would like further assistance or advice ring the Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC) on 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863).

IMAC can notify the Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring (CARM) on your behalf. You will be helping to ensure that the safety of vaccines is well monitored.

What about future vaccinations?

If your child has had a reaction talk to your doctor about the reaction and what to do about future vaccinations. Most children can continue immunisation with medical supervision. Reactions seldom happen again. Your child may need to attend a special immunisation service to decide about further immunisations.

For urgent advice please contact your doctor's surgery

Phone

After hours