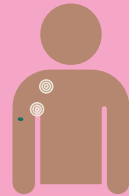


POSSIBLE REACTIONS TO THE VACCINE



Pain, redness, small sore at the injection site.



Swollen lymph nodes in the armpit or above the collarbone on the injection site.



Small red bump containing fluid may appear 2 to 4 weeks after the vaccine. It can take 2 to 5 months before disappearing and may leave a small scar.



Fever, redness on the skin and red eyes.

In rare cases, an allergic reaction or a general infection may develop.



These reactions are extremely rare and the benefits of vaccination outweighs the risks significantly.

POST-VACCINE CARE



Apply a cold water compress to the injection site



Wash the baby's arm normally



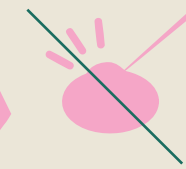
If a wound is present, cover it with a gauze until a scab forms



Use baby fever medication if needed



DO NOT burst the small blister if it develops



DO NOT massage

DO NOT apply ointment or cream



DO NOT apply an adhesive bandage to the wound (e.g. Band-Aid)



BCG

*Everything You
Need to Know*



**Information
destined for
parents
concerning the
Tuberculosis
vaccine (BCG)**

BCG IS A VACCINE ...

That protects children from tuberculosis, especially severe forms of the disease.



Offered to all one-month old infants in Nunavik, since January 2023.

WHAT IS TUBERCULOSIS ?



It is a contagious disease caused by bacteria.

It mostly affects the lungs, but can also affect other parts of the body (bones, brain, kidneys, etc).



... TUBERCULOSIS



It can cause serious complications and even be fatal.



Children under 2 years of age are particularly at risk.

BCG VACCINE

BCG is safe

It can sometimes cause mild reactions that go away on their own.

The effectiveness of BCG
is to **75%**
80%

BCG is not recommended for some children with severe immune system problems.

Before receiving **BCG**, an assessment is done to make sure your child is eligible:



A test for severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID) is offered at birth



A Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) may also be recommended

If you have any questions or notice symptoms, contact your CLSC/Nursing Station.

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