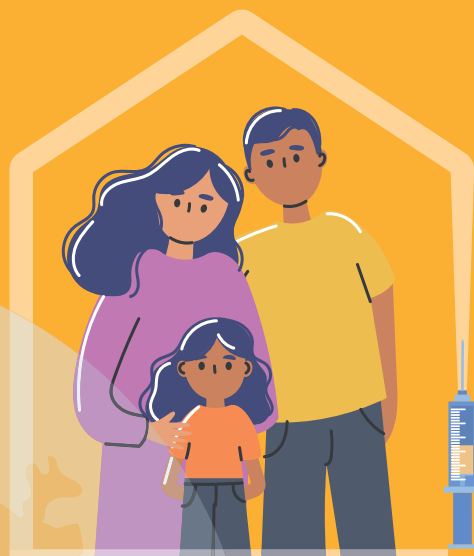


Vaccination

All vaccinated,

all protected!

Ed.resp. : Vivalis - Nathalie Noëi - Rue Belliard 71/1 - 1040 Bruxelles



WHY GET VACCINATED?

HOW DOES VACCINATION WORK?

ARE VACCINES SAFE?

IS VACCINATION EFFECTIVE?

WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF VACCINES?

HOW MUCH DOES A VACCINE COST?

HOW TO CHECK YOUR VACCINATION STATUS?

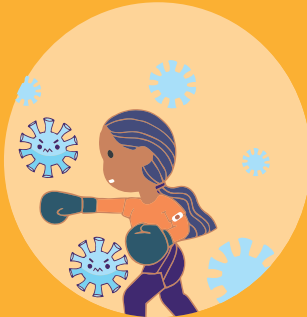
WHERE TO GET VACCINATED?

THE VACCINATION SCHEDULE

Why Get Vaccinated?



It is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones from disease.



And even if you do get sick, vaccination helps reduce the severity of the illness.

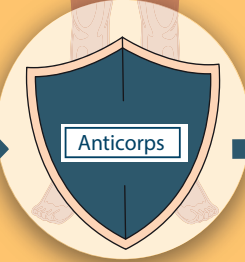
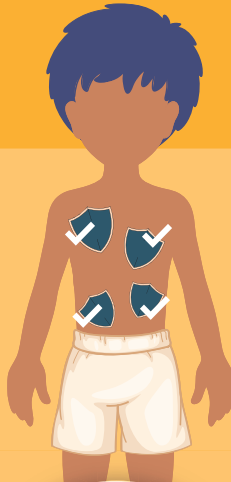


For some diseases, if everyone is vaccinated, the microbe can no longer circulate, which helps protect the most vulnerable.

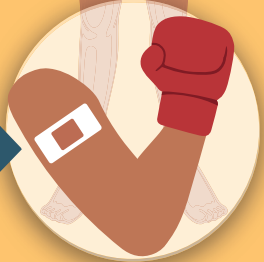
How does vaccination work?



A liquid containing a harmless microbe or part of a microbe is injected.



In response, the body produces protective substances and records its response to the microbe (the antibodies).



If the person later comes into contact with the microbe, the antibodies react more quickly and fight it.



As a result, you either do not get sick or experience a milder form of the disease."

Are vaccines safe?



Regarding safety, vaccines are monitored even after being released onto the market



They are administered worldwide.



Vaccination is much safer than catching the disease it protects us from.

What are the side effects of vaccines?

After vaccination, you may experience mild side effects such as:



arm pain, redness or swelling at the injection site



fever, headache and/or muscle pain.

These reactions are normal and usually disappear after 1 to 2 days. If symptoms persist or worsen, call a doctor.



Serious side effects are very rare: 1 case per million vaccine doses administered.

Is vaccination effective?

Yes! According to the World Health Organization (WHO), vaccination saves 2 to 3 million lives worldwide.

Vaccination has made it possible to:

ERADICATE
SMALLPOX

ELIMINATE
POLIOMYELITIS

REDUCE
DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS,
WHOPING COUGH
AND MEASLES

How much does a vaccine cost?

Children aged 0-18



Vaccines recommended as part of the “Programme de vaccination” for babies, children and teenagers are free in participating centres.

INAMI/RIZIV



Vaccines administered or dispensed to children and adults are partially reimbursed or not reimbursed at all by INAMI/RIZIV when purchased from a pharmacy.

Health insurance



Some health insurance agencies provide additional reimbursement to their members.

How to check your vaccination status?



Visit a general practitioner who will assess your situation and, if necessary, administer catch-up vaccinations.

The website brusselshealthnetwork.be allows citizens to consult the vaccinations that have been registered in their name in Belgium.

More information?



Where to get vaccinated?



- At the general practitioner (for everyone)
- At the paediatrician (for children)
- At the “Office de la Naissance et de l’Enfance - ONE”/Kind en Gezin (for young children)
- At a PSE centre/at a CLB (for children at school)
- In a pharmacy (flu - Covid)
- In a “maison médicale” (medical centre), a hospital or family planning clinic

The vaccination schedule →



Vaccination against polio is mandatory in Belgium.

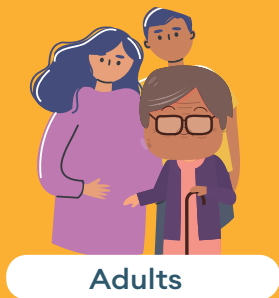
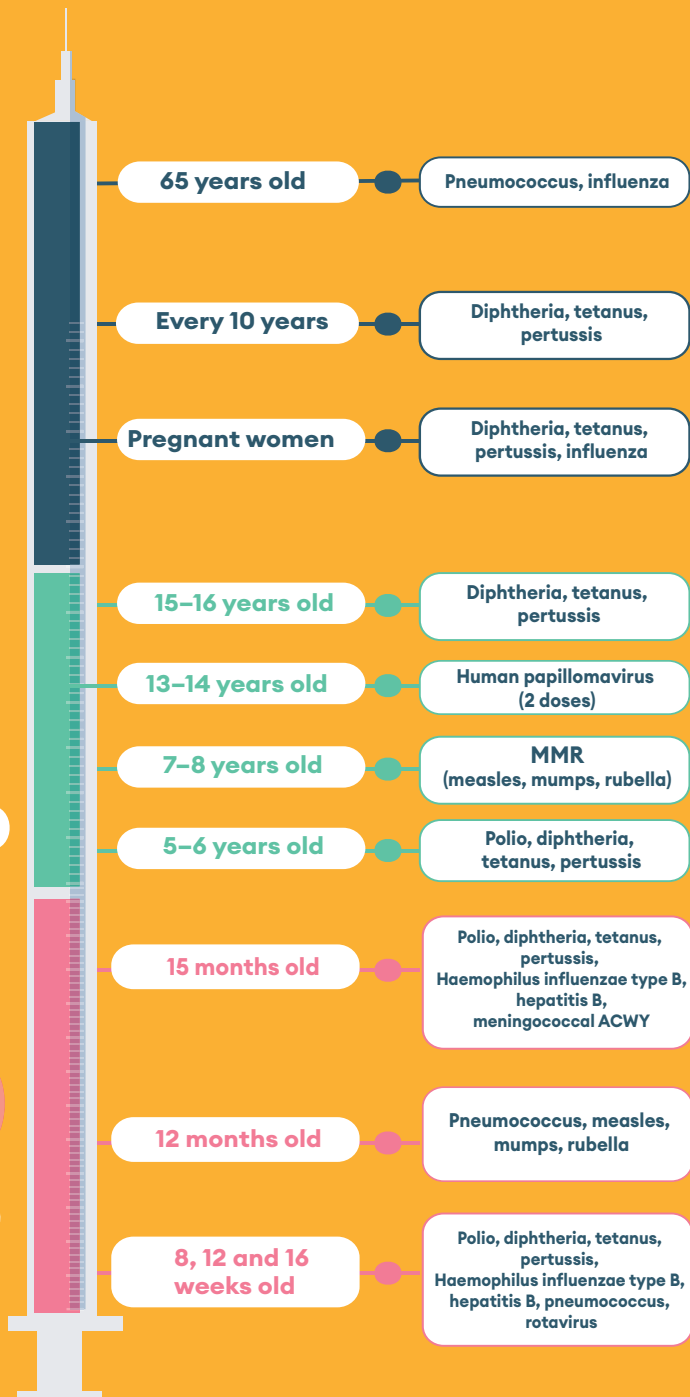


For a child to attend an approved French-speaking childcare facility, they must be vaccinated according to the current vaccination schedule.

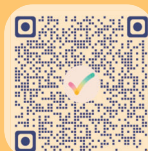


These vaccinations are strongly recommended even if your child does not attend a childcare facility.

→ The vaccination schedule



Notes :



FR / NL / EN / AR / ES
PT / JA / RO / TR