**Babies, Toddlers and Pre School Children**

**Vaccination and Immunisation Schedule during COVID-19**

**Babies up to a Year Old**

This is a very challenging time and many parents are unsure if their baby will still be called for their vaccinations and/ or they are worrying about taking their baby to a GP surgery.

During the lockdown you still need to make the trip to your GP for your babies first course of immunisations even during this crisis. It is classed as essential travel because it is important for babies to be protected against diseases.

One of the best ways to protect your baby against diseases like measles, rubella, tetanus and meningitis is through immunisation.Your baby needs their first injections at eight weeks, then 12 weeks, 16 weeks and one year.

The link below takes you to the Public Health Agency’s (PHA) guide for parents with babies up to a year old. It provides information on the routine immunisations that are given to babies to protect them from serious childhood diseases. It also describes these diseases and explains why children need protection against them.

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/2019-12/Immunisation%20for%20babies%20up%20to%201%20year%20old.pdf>

The link below will take you to translations of the guidance in 10 languages

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/immunisation-babies-year-old-english-and-10-translations>

**Protecting your child against flu: Vaccination for your toddler or pre-school child**

The annual flu vaccination programme now includes all children aged 2 to 11 years.

The link below takes you to the Public Health Agency Guide .

This leaflet explains the benefits of flu vaccination for your toddler or pre-school child.

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/protecting-your-child-against-flu-vaccination-your-toddler-or-pre-school-child-english->

The link below will take you to translations of the guidance in 10 languages

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/protecting-your-child-against-flu-vaccination-your-primary-school-child-english-and-tra>

**Immunisation for preschool children three years and four months**

The link below takes you to the Public Health Agency guidance.

This leaflet contains the facts about the diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio booster vaccine, and the second MMR vaccine given to children before they go to school.

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Imm_for_pre-school_06_17.pdf>