

Post BCG immunisation Advice

1. It is unlikely that the BCG vaccination will cause a high temperature in your baby and therefore paracetamol is not required. Any reaction is likely to be localised in the injection site.
2. Some babies have no reaction to the vaccination and some have a bigger reaction.
3. **Leave** the injection site open to the air and do not cover with plasters unless you are taking the baby swimming
4. Bath your baby as normal but do not apply any products directly to the site or massage the area.
5. The injection site may swell and can be large, up to the size of a 10p coin.
6. The injection site may also look like an abscess and take up to 12 weeks to heal.
7. Your baby can have their routine vaccinations at any time before or after their BCG but should not have any further injections in their left arm for 12 weeks/3 months after their BCG.

When to seek advice from the GP:

- If the injection site becomes bigger than a 10 p coin.
- If the redness and swelling moves away from the injection site.
- If your baby develops any lumps or swelling in the armpit
- If the injection site has not healed by 12 weeks.

If you need more information please look at <http://www.hrch.nhs.uk/our-services/services-directory/hounslow-and-richmond/school-nursing/> or <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/bcg-tuberculosis-tb-vaccine.aspx> There is a translation tool on the top left hand side of the screen