

## **Vaccinations are free and your Residence permit will not be required**

### **Useful information**

- If your child has already had vaccinations, bring either the documentation of these vaccinations carried out in your country, or the Italian vaccination identification card
- Please keep the appointment that you are given
- Fasting (or going without food) is not necessary for receiving vaccinations
- Before receiving the vaccinations you will be asked some questions about the health of your child: remember to say if your child is suffering from some illness or is taking medicine
- After the vaccination, you will have to stay in the waiting room for 20 minutes
- After the vaccination, no precautions are necessary for those looking after the child
- If you have to go and stay away for several months, remember to inform us

If this information is not clear, and you don't know anyone who can come with you to be vaccinated, we can help

***We're waiting to give you your vaccinations!***

## **Public Health and Hygiene Service**

## **VACCINATIONS PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASES**



### **What are the vaccinations**

1. Vaccinations are one of the most important things that parents can do to protect their children from certain infectious diseases.
2. Vaccinations work by stimulating production of the body's defense mechanisms, which work to fight infection and prevent diseases, thus providing long-term protection.
3. Thanks to the presence of a large number of vaccinated children, the spread of infectious diseases among people is greatly reduced: thus there is a higher level of protection even for those who cannot have the vaccinations and so they are a benefit not only for the individual but also the entire community.

### Who can be vaccinated?

- All children in a normal state of health.
- Non-serious illnesses (e.g. coughs and colds) and common allergies do not prevent you from having the vaccinations.
- With a few exceptions, most medicine does not interfere with the vaccines.

### Who cannot be vaccinated?

- Children with serious illnesses (each case is assessed individually).
- Children with high temperatures or fevers (the vaccinations are given at a later date).
- Children with serious allergies.

If your child suffers from some illness talk to your child's doctor or the Vaccination doctor

### What problems may the vaccinations cause?

- There may be pain around the point of injection (swelling, reddening or hardening) or a feeling of being unwell, (temperature, loss of appetite, tiredness, or restlessness).
- Serious reactions are extremely rare: neurological problems or allergic reactions are always possible as with any type of medicine

If your child has a problem after the vaccination, call your Pediatrician or the Vaccination Doctor.

### The vaccines

In the following table all the vaccines for children are shown and when they should be carried out:

Vaccination	3° Month	5° Month	11° Month	12°-15° Months	5 – 6 years	15 – 16 years
Diphtheria (D) – Tetanus (T) - Whooping cough (P) Polio (IPV) – Hepatitis B – Haemophilus b (vaccine for meningitis)	✓	✓	✓		(booster D - T - P + IPV)	(booster D - T)
Measles-Mumps-Rubella				✓	✓	
Pneumococcus (vaccine for meningitis)	Can be carried out from the age of 3 months to 3 years of age					
Meningococcus (vaccine for meningitis)	Can be carried out from the age of 3 months (preferably after the first year) up to reaching age 18					

Other vaccines are shown only for special cases or situations:

Vaccine	Situation
Anti-Hepatitis A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronic liver problems</li> <li>• Travelling abroad</li> </ul>
Anti-Influenza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronic problems of the lungs, heart, kidneys, blood</li> <li>• Diabetes</li> </ul>
Anti-Chicken pox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronic kidney problems</li> <li>• Organ transplants</li> <li>• Leukaemia</li> </ul>