



Vaccinated – protected: in daycare centres and nurseries



Dear Parents,

Your child is starting at a nursery or daycare centre for the first time. Make sure that your child has the necessary protection by shielding them as best you can from many infectious diseases.

Vaccinated – protected: keep your child and others safe

You are protecting your child by vaccinating. And you are assuring social responsibility as well. Vaccinated children do not usually infect others and therefore also protect all those who are too young for vaccines or who cannot be vaccinated due to immunodeficiencies. Unvaccinated pregnant mothers and their unborn children are also protected.

Infants and toddlers are particularly susceptible to many highly contagious and infectious diseases.

Before joining a daycare centre, you should therefore check the current vaccination status of your child and have your child (re)vaccinated if necessary!

The measles vaccine – why is it so important?

Measles is not harmless. It weakens the body's defenses for several months, can have serious consequences and, in rare cases, may even be fatal. Measles is also highly contagious. This is why children aged 12 months and over are only allowed to attend nurseries or daycare centres if they have been adequately vaccinated against measles. This is required according to the Measles Protection Act. Children with a medical certificate stating that they are immune to measles or that they cannot be vaccinated due to a medical contraindication are exempt.

Many important vaccinations are recommended for the first two years of life

You can review all the important vaccinations recommended by the Standing Committee on Vaccination at link2.bayern/rki-impfkalender.

Among others, it recommends vaccinations against tetanus, diphtheria, polio, whooping cough, Haemophilus influenzae type b and hepatitis B. In most cases they are offered as 6-in-1 (with hepatitis B) or as 5-in1 vaccines (without hepatitis B) meaning that you can protect your child against numerous dangerous infectious diseases with just one injection. But please remember to add the missing hepatitis B vaccination later on if you opted to protect your child with the 5-in-1 vaccine! Hepatitis is a serious disease that can lead to severe liver damage.

Missed a vaccination? No problem!

You can catch up with missed vaccinations at any time. Take the opportunity to refresh your vaccinations, not only for your child but for your entire family.

The effectiveness and safety of all recommended vaccines is under constant and strict control by government agencies. If you have any questions about vaccinations, doctors throughout Bavaria and your Public Health Department will be only too happy to advise you. You will find more information about vaccination at www.impfen.bayern.de

