

Vaccination

When your child is vaccinated, it will get a jab in the upper arm. The vaccine contains a small piece of a virus or bacterium. A harmless piece. But enough to alert your child's body. The body will then protect itself against the virus by making antibodies. In this way, your child gets protection against the disease without actually becoming ill.

Side effects

The jab may make your child slightly ill. This is known as a 'side effect'. It might be a slight fever or a red, swollen area around the place where the needle went in. These side effects will fade away on their own after a few days. Mild side effects are perfectly normal.

Very rarely, a child will experience a serious side effect. Paediatricians or paediatric nurses report any serious side effects to the Dutch Pharmacovigilance Centre Lareb (www.lareb.nl/vaccin-kennis). You can also report them yourself. If you are worried, always call your GP.

Scared of jabs?

If your child is very scared, we will give them their jab in a separate room. The doctors in that room are very good at dealing with children who are scared. If your child is still too scared, you can always make another appointment.

Vaccinations are safe

The vaccinations your child receives are safe. Some vaccines have been protecting our children against serious diseases such as polio, measles, and mumps for 60 years. The newer vaccines, too, are thoroughly investigated and tested before we are allowed to use them.

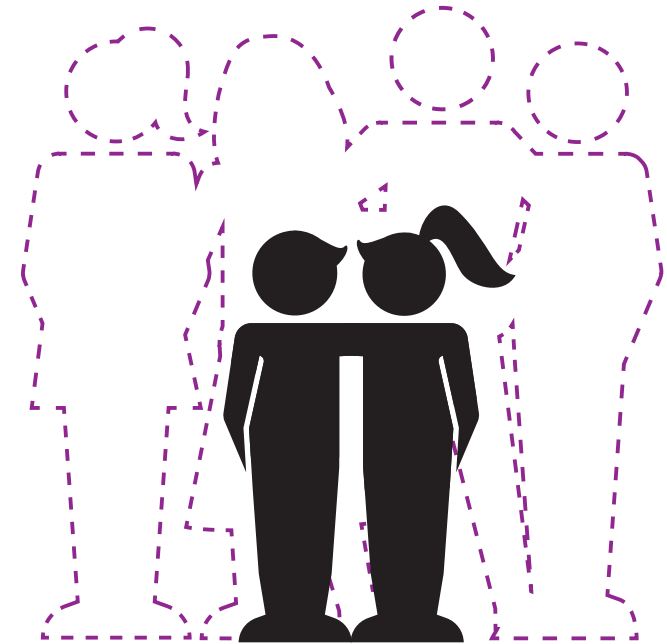
Do you have any questions?

Call, email or chat with us. We would be happy to help you.

- Telephone +31 (0)20 555 5961
- Or visit ggd.amsterdam.nl/vaccineren



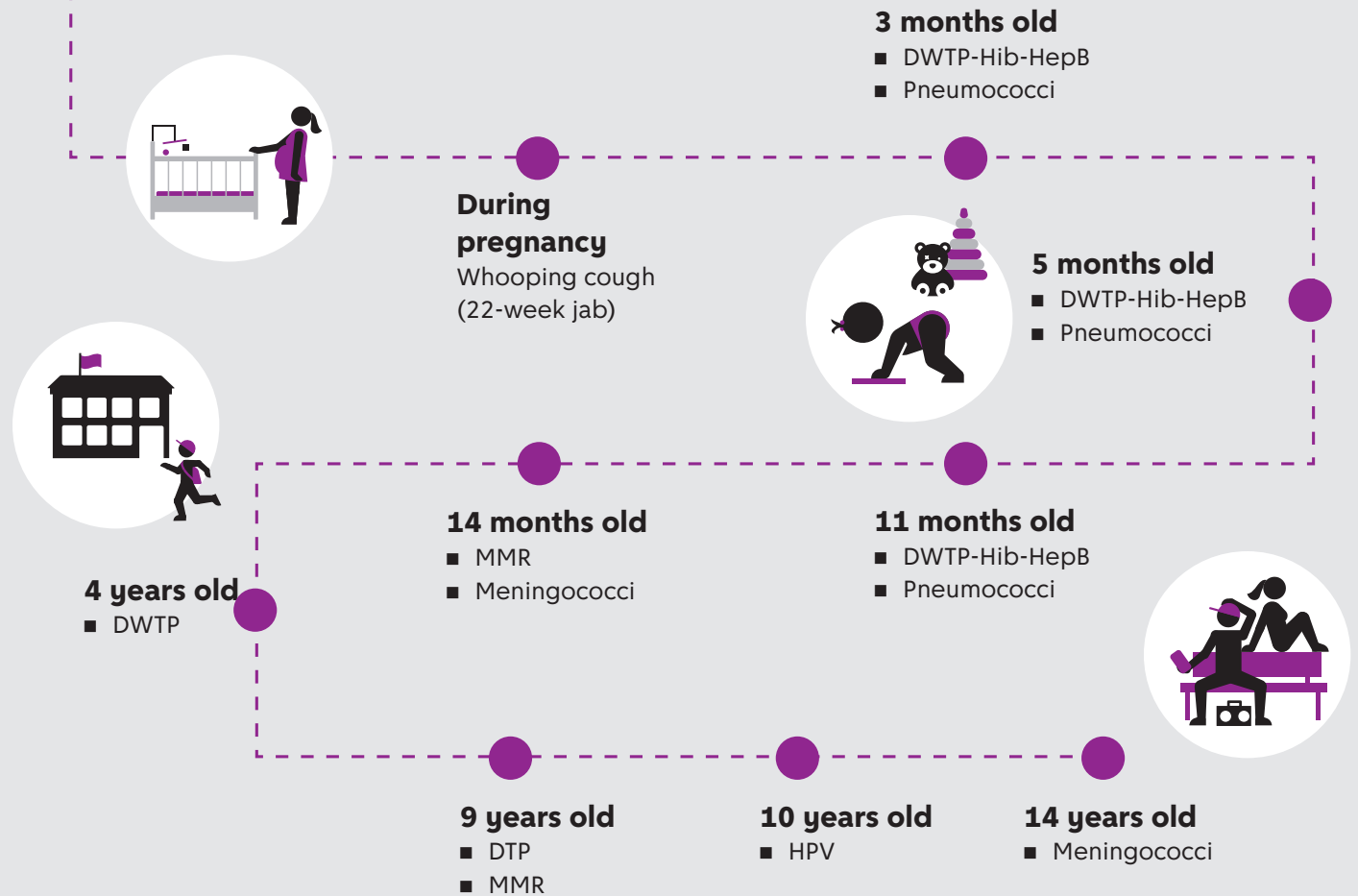
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**Protect
your child from
diseases**

When will your child get a jab?

More than 95 percent of all parents in our country have their children vaccinated. So - almost everyone. In this way, we can protect our children against 12 serious diseases, such as whooping cough, tetanus, and polio. Your child will automatically receive an invitation. You do not need to do anything yourself. If every child gets all of these jabs, everyone in the Netherlands will be well protected against these dangerous diseases. So protect your child, bring them for that free jab.



Meaning of abbreviations

D - Diphtheria	M - Measles
W - Whooping cough	P - Polio
T - Tetanus	Hib - Haemophilus influenzae type b
R - Rubella (German measles)	Hep - Hepatitis B
B - Mumps	HPV - Human Papillomavirus

