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Information for parents

TB, BCG vaccine and your baby

In the UK, like many other countries, BCG (Bacillus Calmette-Guérin) vaccine is offered to babies who are likely to come into contact with someone with tuberculosis (TB).

This includes babies who live in an area where TB is common or babies with parents or grandparents from a country where TB is common.



immunisation

the safest way to protect your child

The BCG vaccine will be provided in community clinics or your GP practice

If you answer 'Yes' to any of the following questions, your midwife, health visitor or GP will refer your baby to a community BCG vaccination clinic:

- does your baby, the baby's mother, father or grandparents, or anyone who lives with you, come from a country where TB is common?*
- will you and your baby be going to live or to stay with friends and family in one of these countries for more than 3 months?
- does anyone who lives with you, or who spends a lot of time with your baby, have TB now or had TB in the past?

* www.gov.uk/government/publications/tuberculosis-tb-by-country-rates-per-100000-people

For more information on TB or the BCG vaccine, please read:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/tb-bcg-and-your-baby-leaflet

or visit: www.nhs.uk/conditions/tuberculosis-tb

