

After the Vaccines...



Vaccine Aftercare

After getting shots, your child might need more love and care. Vaccinations keep children safe from bad sicknesses, but they can also make them feel uncomfortable for a short period of time after the shot.

Shots might sting a little, but getting sick from a disease can hurt a whole lot more!

I think my child has a fever. What should I do?

- If you believe your child has a fever, it could be because the vaccine is doing its job or due to a current infection in the body. This activates the immune system causing a rise in body temperature.
- Check your child's temperature by following the thermometer's instructions or visiting "How to Check Your Child's Temperature" on healthychildren.org.
- If the temperature is 100.4° Fahrenheit (38° Celsius) or higher, your child has a fever.
- Give your child plenty to drink.
- Dress your child lightly. Do not cover or wrap your child tightly.

If your child has a temperature of 102° Fahrenheit (38.9° Celsius) or higher or cries for more than 3 hours without stopping, call your provider right away.



Advil® **Motrin**

TYLENOL®

These medicines help with fever and discomfort:

- Acetaminophen (brand name Tylenol) – Lasts about 4 hours.
- Ibuprofen (brand names Advil, Motrin) – Lasts about 6 hours.
- **Do not give aspirin to anyone under 18 or Ibuprofen to children under 6 months, as it can be harmful.**

The amount of medicine to give your child is based on body weight and age. Please check the medicine bottle to determine the appropriate amount to give your child.

My child has a swollen, hot, and/or red limb where the vaccine was given. What should I do?

- Put a clean, cool, wet washcloth over the sore area for comfort. Do this as needed.
- Check the site each day. If it's not improving after 1 day, call your health care provider.

If your child experiences body shaking, twitching, or jerking, or becomes unresponsive, call 911 right away.



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