

## Multiple vaccinations for children

 **It is safe for children to have more than one vaccine at the same time.**



Your child's immune system is very strong. Having more than one vaccine at the same time does not overwhelm their immune system.



Giving several vaccines at the same time is safe. Most side effects are mild and resolve within a few days.



If vaccines are delayed or spaced out, your child will be unprotected for longer. Vaccinating on time will give them the best protection.



Vaccines contain only a small number of antigens.\* Children come in contact with a large number of antigens in their environment every day.



If you have moved to Australia recently, your child may need some additional vaccines. It is safe to receive most of these vaccines at the same time.



Having multiple vaccines at once can be less upsetting for your child as well as save time, since fewer appointments are required.

\*An antigen is any substance that causes the body to make an immune response. Antigens include toxins, chemicals, bacteria, viruses and other substances that come from outside the body. *Further information: What is in a vaccine? Australian Academy of Science*

### Additional information

Childhood immunisation, including the immunisation schedule and FAQs: [Childhood immunisation](#)



Australian vaccine safety data: [AusVaxSafety](#)



After vaccination: [Following vaccination – what to expect and what to do](#)



Evidence-based information about immunisation: [Sharing Knowledge About Immunisation \(SKAI\)](#)



 **If you have any further questions, talk to your healthcare provider.**