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Niitty – Developing a Peer-based Family
Training Model for Immigrants

VACCINATIONS FOR IMMIGRANT CHILDREN UNDER 2 YEARS OLD

Rokotteet alle 2-vuotiaille maahanmuuttajille



Vaccinations are one of the most important, effective and thoroughly researched methods for promoting, maintaining and protecting a child's health. Vaccinations protect the child against serious diseases.

In Finland, everyone is entitled to vaccinations and they are **free**.

Most vaccinations are injected into the muscle, for example, in the thigh.

On the next page, you will see a list of the vaccinations given to everyone in Finland up to their second year.

Below are the vaccinations given to immigrants, as necessary. You can ask for more information about which vaccinations your child will need at your child health clinic or health centre.

VACCINATION	WHO IS IT FOR?
Tuberculosis (BCG)	<p>A child under 7 years old:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> has arrived in Finland from a refugee camp or as a smuggled asylum seeker lives at a reception centre there is tuberculosis in the parents' country
Polio (IPV)	Health care professionals estimate the person's existing vaccine cover and complement it as ne-
Hepatitis B	If one of the child's parents comes from a country where hepatitis B is prevalent.

Vaccinations given to everyone in Finland up to their second year:

CHILD'S	VACCINATION
2 months, 3 months, 5 months,	Rotavirus Protects your child against the rotavirus diarrhoea. The vaccine is given into the mouth.
3 months, 5 months, 12 months	Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) Protects your child against meningitis, pneumonia, blood poisoning and ear infection.
3 months, 5 months, 12 months	The 5-in-1 vaccination (DTaP-IPV-Hib) Protects your child against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio and Hib diseases (such as meningitis)
12–18 months	MMR Protects your child against measles, mumps and German measles.
From 6 months	Influenza
From 18 months	Chickenpox Protects your child against chickenpox if he or she has not already had it.

