

Dear Sir or Madam,
Dear parents,

Your child is due to be vaccinated soon but you have questions given the situation we are currently facing?

Even in this time of epidemic, immunisation is still essential to protect your child and other children from diseases that could have very serious consequences. Thanks to vaccinations, your child is protected against diseases such as whooping cough, measles, rubella and meningitis.

Vaccination, mainly of children under 15 months of age, is also essential in order not to add further epidemics to the current one.

Your child must therefore continue to receive the vaccinations provided by the Vaccination Programme of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation and at the age recommended in the vaccination calendar that you can find in your child's health card.

We would like to remind you that children attending a nursery or a child-minder must be vaccinated against the following diseases: poliomyelitis, whooping cough, diphtheria, haemophilus influenzae type b, measles, mumps and rubella. Other vaccinations are strongly recommended against tetanus, hepatitis B, meningococcus C, pneumococcus and rotavirus, among others.

Your child is usually vaccinated in a nursery but the consultation has been cancelled?

You are invited to go to your nearest ONE consultation or to your child's doctor or paediatrician. To do so, please make an appointment in advance by telephone.

Rest assured that precautionary measures are taken, both at ONE consultations and by doctors or paediatricians, to ensure that immunisations are kept as safe as possible.

Only one accompanying person per child is allowed. Of course, neither your child nor the accompanying person must show any symptoms.

The most common symptoms are fever, cough and breathing difficulties. However, other symptoms could suggest a possible coronavirus infection, such as diarrhoea, vomiting, stuffy nose, sore throat, headache, muscle aches or an unusual skin rash. As this is a new virus, this list of symptoms is not exhaustive and will be updated as more is known about the virus. In the current epidemic context, we therefore call for caution.

Recommendations for social distancing must be respected in the waiting room. It is imperative that you present yourself at the time of the appointment.

For all information on vaccination, please consult the website www.vaccination-info.be (information only available in French).

Yours sincerely,

Your nursery or child-minder