



BCG VACCINE FOR NEWBORNS & INFANTS

PROGRAM

The BCG vaccine will be offered to newborn/infants living in ALL Manitoba First Nation communities.

Please call to book an appointment as soon as you return home from the hospital.



If you have any questions, please call and speak to a Public Health Nurse.

**Call: (204) 484-2341
Ext. 160 or 163**

How do I learn more about the BCG Vaccine for Newborns & Infants program?

Please visit us at the NCN Family and Community Wellness Centre or call the public health department at (204) 484-2341 to make an appointment or to check if your child is up to date.

**Public Health Department
Family & Community
Wellness Centre**
14 Bay Road Drive
Nelson House, Manitoba
R0B 1A0
Phone: 204-484-2341



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FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
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www.ncnwellness.ca

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History

Since 2004 the BCG vaccine has not been given to members of NCN and SIL because of a very rare immune condition called Severe Combined Immune Deficiency Syndrome (SCIDS) linked in bloodlines from both communities.

Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) is a hereditary condition that makes the body's immune system unable to fight infections.

Infants born with SCID are unable to receive a live vaccine (a vaccine that uses a weak version of the disease to make copies in the body, to make an immune or fighting response).

What is Tuberculosis?

- An infection that can cause coughing, fever, and difficulty breathing.
- It spreads through the air when a person coughs
- Tb is most often an infection of the lungs, but can also affect other parts of the body

Tuberculosis (TB) Affects First Nations communities in Manitoba at a significantly higher rate than the rest of the province.

BCG vaccine helps to protect infants and young children from serious complications of TB.



What is the BCG Vaccine?

Newborns will no longer be giving the BCG vaccine at the hospital.

BCG (Bacille Calmette-Guérin) is a vaccine given to babies to protect them from serious forms of Tuberculosis (TB) such as TB Meningitis (brain infection) and wide spread infection.

As of September 28, 2020. All babies born in Manitoba will be screened for SCIDS as part of their routine newborn tests.