

Side Effects & Fever

Advice



What are some of the most common side effects of childhood vaccinations?

- Sore and swollen in the area where the needle was given
- Muscle aches
- Fever
- Tired for a few days
- Irritable

Some vaccinations have more specific side effects that you need to watch out for. Your nurse will review this with you at your appointment.

What is a fever?

- A natural reaction of the body when it is building immune response after a vaccination
- When your child has a fever, the most important thing for you to note is how they look and behave
- A temperature of 38 degrees (100.4) is considered a fever

What can you do for a fever?

- Medications such as Advil® and Tylenol® can make your child more comfortable by bringing their temperature down. **Do not use Aspirin.**
- **As a general rule we advise against Advil in those under 6 months**
 - **Always read the label of the medication before administering it to your child**
- Give your child lots of fluids
- Dress your child in one layer of light clothing
- Don't wrap your child in blankets, even if they appear to be shivering