

## Information on the Compulsory Vaccination of Children Against Tuberculosis

Dear parents,

According to the available data, your child was diagnosed a higher risk of possible tuberculosis (TBC) development. Especially for the infants and younger children, this disease poses a very serious health threat. Vaccination against TBC importantly decreases the risk of TBC development including its most serious forms and it essentially protects the health of the child in risk of the TBC infection. According to the legal regulations, this vaccination is fully indicated for your child as soon as possible after the birth. The advantages of the early vaccination against TBC are the swift immunity development against the disease and no shift or a minimal shift in the vaccination schedule. All other vaccines can be applied only after the complete recovery from the reaction caused by the TBC vaccination.

The TBC vaccination is based on the live weakened vaccine applied to the skin in the left-arm area. In 6 to 8 weeks after vaccination, a 10-millimetre nod or pimple usually appears on the spot of the injection and the nodule in the left armpit or on the throat can be swollen in a diameter of 10 millimetres. Sporadically, a reaction exceeding 10 millimetres can appear, the injected spot or a nodule can inflame. Very rarely, the vaccination is accompanied by the more severe reactions such as the chance for the bone infection or a spread of the weakened vaccine strain in the body of a child with the severe immune deficiencies. Unfortunately, even a detailed early examination cannot predict a possibility of the post-vaccination reaction. However, your child is going to be supervised by a paediatrician and monitored at the workplace, where the vaccination took place (the so called calmetisation clinic). Potential adverse reactions to the vaccine, which grow beyond the normal local reaction, should be discussed with those experts as soon as possible.

I have been informed of the need to administer the TBC vaccination for my child and with its benefits and risks.

Name and the child's birth-certificate number:

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Date.....

Parent's name and signature.....

Date.....

Physician's name and signature.....