

NT Immunisation Schedule – BCG

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BCG Information

- BCG vaccination provides protection against progression of infection to disease.
- BCG vaccine is presented as 1.5 mg lyophilised powder in a multi dose vial with separate diluent.

Vaccination Eligibility

- Children younger than 5 years with a high probability of traveling to countries with high TB incidence (defined as an annual incidence of >40 cases per 100 000 population) based on an individual risk assessment *
- Newborn babies whose parents have leprosy, or who have an immediate family history of leprosy.
- Children under 5 years of age considered by the TB Unit to be at ongoing high risk of TB exposure in Australia.

Age	Disease	Vaccine	Route	Dose
Newborns and infants less than 12 months of age	Tuberculosis	BCG	Intradermal	0.05 mL
Children 12 months to under 5 years of age	Tuberculosis	BCG	Intradermal	0.1 mL

* If additional information is needed to support the risk assessment, seek expert input from NT TB/Leprosy Unit or a Paediatric Infectious Diseases specialist

Note: This schedule is a summary. For detailed information please refer to the [BCG \(Bacille Calmette-Guerin\) Tuberculosis Vaccination \(nt.gov.au\)](https://www.nt.gov.au/health/nt-immunisation-schedule-bcg) fact sheet and the Australian Immunisation Handbook [Tuberculosis | The Australian Immunisation Handbook \(health.gov.au\)](https://www.health.gov.au)