

How can I vaccinate my child in Slovakia?

So, you decided to vaccinate your child in Slovakia. That's great: the more children are immunized against preventable diseases, the more protected we all are. Now, understanding what you are entitled to and where you can get vaccine doses are the next steps.

UNICEF is here to help. Let's start.

Do I need to pay to vaccinate my child?

No. As of 1 January 2023, all Ukrainian children with Temporary Protection status are entitled to full health coverage, including free vaccination, under Slovak law. Keep in mind, however, that this applies only to the vaccines included in Slovak Vaccination Calendar. This means that you can go to the pediatrician you have registered your child with or, alternatively, to the nearest primary health care clinic, where you will be able to choose a pediatrician.

For more information on the vaccines included in the Slovak calendar, please visit:

https://www.uvzsr.sk/docs/info/ockovanie/Ockovaci_kalendar_pre_pravidelne_povinne_ockovanie_deti_a_dospelych_na_rok_2023.pdf

How do I know if I have Temporary Protection?

You have Temporary Protection, only if you applied for it and received a document called "Certificate of granting of tolerated stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic" marked "Temporary Protection (Refuge)" (in Slovak "DOČASNÉ ÚTOČISKO"). The document was issued to you by the Foreign Police Department.

You can also check the validity of the certificate of Temporary Protection on the information portal of the Ministry of the Interior, via the following link:

https://portal.minv.sk/wps/portal/domov/ecu/ecu_elektronicke_sluzby/ecu-overenie-potvrdenia/

How can I register for Temporary Protection?

To apply for Temporary Protection, you have to register when entering the territory of the Slovak Republic, or also after entering the territory, at Foreign Police Departments of the Police Corps.

If you want more information about the application, you can visit the site of Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic: <https://portal.minv.sk/wps/wcm/connect/sk/site/main/zivotne-situacie/Cudzinci/registracia-docasneho-utociska>

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Am I entitled to Temporary Protection?

One of the aims of granting Temporary Protection is protecting people fleeing from war in their country of origin. You can apply for Temporary Protection, if you are:

A: A citizen of Ukraine and or a family member of one, if the family was present and resided in Ukraine before 24 February 2022. A family member of a citizen of Ukraine is defined as:

1. The spouse of a citizen of Ukraine,
2. A minor child of a citizen of Ukraine or a minor child of a spouse of a citizen of Ukraine,
3. A parent of a minor child who is a citizen of Ukraine,
4. Another close relative of a citizen of Ukraine who has lived with him/her in the same household at the time or after the escalation of the war on 24 February 2023 and that was wholly or partly dependent on them.

B: A foreigner who is not a citizen of Ukraine, but was granted International or National Protection status in Ukraine before 24 February 2022. Your family members will also be entitled to Temporary Protection if they were present and resided in Ukraine before 24 February 2022.

C: A foreigner who is not a citizen of Ukraine, but was granted permanent residence in the territory of Ukraine before 24 February 2022 and cannot return under safe and stable conditions to their country or region of origin.

Which clinics will vaccinate my child for free?

This will depend on where you live. As a general guidance, please visit a pediatrician close to you, as he or she will either vaccinate your child directly or refer you to the nearest vaccination point.

If you live in Bratislava, you can go to the Rovniankova clinic, which is directly supported by UNICEF.

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The clinic I went to said they don't have any space to vaccinate my child. What can I do?

Unfortunately, all clinics have limited staff and resources, which at times makes it difficult to provide vaccines to everyone that wants them. However, this is no reason to give up. Please reach out to your pediatrician and schedule vaccination appointment.

I still have doubts about vaccinating my child. How can I get my questions answered?

Let's face it, it is never easy to watch our children get vaccinated, but the diseases we are protecting them against are far worse. UNICEF has a long experience of managing vaccination programmes around the world, so we asked our health experts to answer parents' most common questions and doubts about vaccines.