

What If They Tick Yes



A guide for managing vaccinations based on conditions and circumstances

PART 1

Condition + Circumstance	STOP Do NOT vaccinate	DEFER Delay until timely	VACCINATE Safe to vaccinate
High fever (>38.5°C)	Temp \geq 38.5°C or acute systemic illness	Until afebrile and clinically well	Mild illness only, no systemic symptoms
Bleeding disorder/ anticoagulation	Uncontrolled bleeding or INR outside range	Haemophilia – vaccinate after factor replacement; consider SC route	Stable anticoagulation; 23–25G needle + firm pressure
Planning travel	-	Insufficient time to complete vaccine course	Start early or use accelerated schedules
High-risk occupation	-	Q fever until serology/skin testing completed	Vaccinate once cleared
Severe or chronic medical condition	Acute flare or unstable disease	Until stabilised	Stable disease; routine and funded vaccines
Immunocompromised (disease or treatment)	Live vaccines if contraindicated for condition/therapy	If timing must align with treatment	Inactivated vaccines safe and recommended
Recent vaccines/ blood products/ immunoglobulin	-	Live vaccines <4 weeks apart or 3–11 months post blood products	Inactivated vaccines anytime
Pregnant	Live vaccines	Avoid conception for 28 days after live vaccine	Influenza, pertussis, RSV, COVID (if not up to date)
Breastfeeding	-	-	Inactivated vaccines safe; most live vaccines safe
Recent surgery with fainting history	-	Immediate post-operative period	Vaccinate once stable; supine positioning if needed