

National Immunisation Program Schedule

Childhood vaccination (also see vaccination for people with medical risk conditions)

Age	Diseases	Vaccine Brand	Notes
Birth	Hepatitis B (usually offered in hospital)	Engerix B® Paediatric	Should be given to all infants as soon as practicable after birth. The greatest benefit is if given within 24 hours and must be given within 7 days.
2 months (can be given from 6 weeks of age)	- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) - Pneumococcal - Rotavirus - Meningococcal B (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children) ±	Infanrix® hexa or Vaxelis® Prevenar 20® Rotarix® Bexsero®	 Rotavirus vaccine: First dose must be given by 14 weeks of age. Meningococcal B vaccine: Prophylactic paracetamol is recommended.
4 months	- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) - Pneumococcal - Rotavirus - Meningococcal B (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children) ±	Infanrix® hexa or Vaxelis® Prevenar 20® Rotarix® Bexsero®	 Rotavirus vaccine: The second dose must be given by 24 weeks of age. Meningococcal B vaccine: Prophylactic paracetamol is recommended.
6 months	- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) - Meningococcal B (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with specified medical risk conditions) ± - Pneumococcal (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children) - Pneumococcal (Children with specified medical risk conditions)	Infanrix® hexa or Vaxelis® Bexsero® Prevenar 20® Prevenar 20®	 Meningococcal B vaccine: Prophylactic paracetamol is recommended. Pneumococcal vaccine: An additional dose of 20vPCV is required for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook. Pneumococcal vaccine: An additional dose of 20vPCV is required for all children with <u>specified medical risk conditions</u> . Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook.
6 months to <5 years (annually)	Influenza	Age appropriate	Administer annually. For children aged 6 months to less than 2 years of age in the first year of administration, give 2 doses a minimum of 4 weeks apart. Administer 1 dose annually in subsequent years. Information on age-appropriate vaccines is available in the Australian Immunisation Handbook or the annual ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines.
12 months	- Meningococcal ACWY - Measles, mumps, rubella - Pneumococcal - Meningococcal B (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children) ±	Nimenrix® Priorix® Prevenar 20® Bexsero®	 Meningococcal B vaccine: Prophylactic paracetamol is recommended.
18 months	- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) - Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chickenpox) - Hepatitis A (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in WA, NT, SA, Qld)	Infanrix® or Tripacel® Act-HIB® Priorix-Tetra® Vaqta® Paediatric	 Hepatitis A vaccine: First dose of the 2-dose hepatitis A schedule if not previously received a dose.
4 years	- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio - Hepatitis A (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in WA, NT, SA, Qld)	Infanrix® IPV or Quadracel® Vaqta® Paediatric	 Hepatitis A vaccine: Not required if previously received 2 doses (first dose at age ≥12 months) at least 6 months apart. Pneumococcal vaccine: Catch-up doses are available for some children at 4 years. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for catch-up schedules .
≥5 years (annually)	- Influenza (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children) - Influenza (Children with specified medical risk conditions)	Age appropriate Age appropriate	 Administer annually. For children aged 6 months to less than 2 years of age in the first year of administration, give 2 doses a minimum of 4 weeks apart. Administer 1 dose annually in subsequent years. Information on age-appropriate vaccines is available in the Australian Immunisation Handbook or the annual ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines. Administer annually. In children aged 6 months to less than 9 years in the first year of administration, give 2 doses a minimum of 4 weeks apart. One dose annually in subsequent years. Information on age-appropriate vaccines is available in the Australian Immunisation Handbook or the annual ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines.

Adolescent vaccination (also see vaccination for people with medical risk conditions)

Age	Diseases	Vaccine Brand	Notes
All ages (<18)	Influenza (adolescents with specified medical risk conditions)	Age appropriate	Influenza vaccine: Administer annually. For information on age-appropriate vaccines or specified medical risk conditions refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook or annual ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines.
	Influenza (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adolescents)	Age appropriate	
	Pneumococcal (adolescents with specified medical risk conditions)	Prevenar 20®	
12-13 years (Year 7 or age equivalent)	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)	Boostrix® or Adacel®	HPV vaccine: Administer 1 dose. For people aged 12-26 with specified medical risk conditions that increase the risk of HPV, administer 3 doses. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for eligibility and dose intervals .
	Human papillomavirus (HPV)	Gardasil®9	
14-16 years (Year 10 or age equivalent)	Meningococcal ACWY	MenQuadfi®	

Adult vaccination (also see vaccination for people with medical risk conditions)

Age	Diseases	Vaccine Brand	Notes
18 years and over	COVID-19 (adults 18 to 64 years of age with severe immunocompromise)	Comirnaty®	COVID-19 vaccine: Administer 1 dose per year for people with severe immunocompromise. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for severe immunocompromise criteria .
	Human papillomavirus (HPV) (adults who missed a dose or adults with specified medical risk conditions)	Gardasil®9	HPV Vaccine: If dose was missed and not previously received, a catch-up is available up to 26 years of age. For people aged 12-26 with specified medical risk conditions that increase the risk of HPV, administer 3 doses. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for eligibility and dose intervals .
	Influenza (adults with specified medical risk conditions)	Age appropriate	Influenza vaccine: Administer annually. For information on age-appropriate vaccines or specified medical risk conditions refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook or the annual ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines.
	Influenza (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults)	Age appropriate	Administer annually.
	Pneumococcal (adults with specified medical risk conditions)	Capvaxive®	Pneumococcal vaccine: For people with specified medical risk conditions administer a dose at diagnosis.
	Shingles (herpes zoster) (adults with specified medical risk conditions)*	Shingrix®	Shingles vaccine: For immunocompromised people aged 18 years and older with specified medical risk conditions administer 2 doses. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for dose intervals .
25 years and over	Pneumococcal (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults)	Capvaxive®	
50 years and over	Shingles (herpes zoster) (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults)*	Shingrix®	Shingles vaccine: For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 50 years and older administer 2 doses. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for dose intervals .
50-74 years of age	COVID-19 (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults)	Comirnaty®	Administer 1 dose per year.
60 years and over	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults)	Arexvy®	
65-74 years of age	COVID-19	Comirnaty®	Administer 1 dose per year.
65 years and over	Influenza (annually)	Age appropriate	Influenza vaccine: Administer annually. For information on age-appropriate vaccines refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook or the annual ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines.
	- Pneumococcal - Shingles (herpes zoster)*	Capvaxive® Shingrix®	Shingles vaccine: For people aged 65 years and over, administer 2 doses. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for dose intervals .
75 years and over	COVID-19	Comirnaty®	COVID-19 vaccine: Administer 2 doses per year, approximately 6 months apart.
	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Arexvy®	
Pregnant women	Influenza	Age appropriate	Influenza vaccine: In each pregnancy, at any stage of pregnancy.
	Pertussis (whooping cough)	Boostrix® or Adacel®	Pertussis vaccine: Single dose recommended each pregnancy, ideally between 20–32 weeks but may be given up until delivery.
	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Abrysvo®	RSV vaccine: Single dose between 28–36 weeks of pregnancy but may be given after 36 weeks based on clinical advice.

* If individuals have received Zostavax® through the NIP, they will need to wait 5 years before accessing Shingrix® for free. If individuals have received Zostavax® privately, they are eligible for Shingrix®.

Additional vaccination for people with medical risk conditions

Age	Diseases	Vaccine Brand	Notes
All ages	- Meningococcal ACWY - Meningococcal B	Nimenrix® Bexsero®	For people with specified medical risk conditions that increase their risk of meningococcal disease. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for age-specific dosing . The number of doses required varies with age.
≥6 months (annually)	Influenza	Age appropriate	For children aged 6 months to less than 9 years with specified medical risk conditions , administer 2 doses in the first year, with a minimum interval of 4 weeks between doses.
≤12 months	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 20®	For people with specified medical risk conditions that increase their risk of pneumococcal disease, administer an additional dose of 20vPCV in infancy. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for dose intervals .
>12 months to <18 years	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 20®	For people with specified medical risk conditions that increase their risk of pneumococcal disease, administer a dose of 20vPCV at diagnosis. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for dose intervals .
≥5 years	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib)	Act-HIB®	For people with asplenia or hyposplenia, a single dose is required if the person was not vaccinated in infancy or incompletely vaccinated. (Note that all children aged <5 years are recommended to complete Hib vaccination regardless of asplenia or hyposplenia).
≥12 years to <26 years	Human papillomavirus (HPV)	Gardasil®9	For people with specified medical risk conditions that increase the risk of HPV, administer 3 doses. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for eligibility and dose intervals .
≥18 years	- COVID-19 (severe immunocompromise) - Pneumococcal - Shingles	Comirnaty® Capvaxive® Shingrix®	COVID-19 vaccine: Administer 1 dose per year for adults with severe immunocompromise. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for severe immunocompromise criteria. Pneumococcal vaccine: For adults with specified medical risk conditions that increase their risk of pneumococcal disease, refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for dose intervals . Shingles vaccine: For adults with specified medical risk conditions that increase their risk of shingles disease, refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for eligibility requirements.

General notes on NIP eligibility and catch-up vaccinations

- The NIP provides the above routine vaccinations free to infants, children, adolescents and adults who have, or are eligible for a Medicare card.
- ± All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 6 months to less than 2 years of age are eligible for meningococcal B vaccines if missed at the recommended schedule points. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for timing of doses.
- All people (including refugees and humanitarian entrants) less than 20 years of age are eligible for the NIP vaccines missed in childhood, except for HPV which is available free up to age 26. The number and range of vaccines and doses that are eligible for the NIP funded catch-up is different for people aged less than 10 years and those aged 10-19 years. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for timing of doses.
- Refugees and humanitarian entrants aged 20 years and over are eligible for the following vaccines if they were missed: diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, chickenpox, poliomyelitis, measles-mumps-rubella and hepatitis B, as well as HPV (up to age 26). Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for timing of doses.

State and territory health departments contacts

State and territory health departments may also fund additional vaccines. Check the immunisation schedule for your area.

For more information on the NIP schedule visit health.gov.au/immunisation

State/Territory	Contact Information
Australian Capital Territory	(02) 5124 9800
New South Wales	1300 066 055
Northern Territory	(08) 8922 8044
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