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National Immunisation Program
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National Immunisation Program Schedule for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People



Vaccinations for babies and children (also see vaccination for people with medical risk conditions)

Age	Diseases	Vaccine brand	Notes
Birth	Hepatitis B (usually offered in hospital, or given as soon as possible for non-hospital births)	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, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib)	Infanrix® hexa or Vaxelis®	No notes.
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar20®	No notes.
	Rotavirus	Rotarix®	First dose must be given by 14 weeks of age.
	Meningococcal B	Bexsero®	Prophylactic paracetamol recommended.
4 months	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, polio, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib)	Infanrix® hexa or Vaxelis®	No notes.
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar20®	No notes.
	Rotavirus	Rotarix®	The second dose must be given by 24 weeks of age.
	Meningococcal B	Bexsero®	Prophylactic paracetamol recommended.
6 months	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, polio, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib)	Infanrix® hexa or Vaxelis®	No notes.
	Meningococcal B (children with specified medical risk conditions)	Bexsero®	Prophylactic paracetamol recommended.
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar20®	No notes.
Every year from 6 months old	Influenza	Age appropriate	Given annually. In 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. 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.
12 months	Meningococcal ACWY	Nimenrix®	No notes.
	Measles, mumps, rubella	Priorix®	No notes.
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar20®	No notes.
	Meningococcal B	Bexsero®	Prophylactic paracetamol recommended.
18 months	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)	Infanrix® or Tripacel®	No notes.
	Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	Act-HIB®	No notes.
	Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chickenpox)	Priorix-Tetra®	No notes.
	Hepatitis A (children in NT, Qld, SA, WA)	Vaqta® Paediatric	First dose of the 2-dose hepatitis A vaccination schedule if not previously received a dose.
4 years	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio	Infanrix® IPV or Quadracel®	No notes.
	Hepatitis A (children in NT, Qld, SA, WA)	Vaqta® Paediatric	Not required if previously received 2 doses (first dose at age ≥12 months) at least 6 months apart.

Vaccinations for teens (also see vaccination for people with medical risk conditions)

Age	Diseases	Vaccine brand	Notes
All ages (<18)	Influenza	Age appropriate	Given 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.
12–13 years (or school year 7)	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)	Boostrix® or Adacel®	No notes.
	Human papillomavirus (HPV)	Gardasil®9	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.
14–16 years (or school year 10)	Meningococcal ACWY	MenQuadfi®	No notes.

Vaccinations for adults (also see vaccination for people with medical risk conditions)

Age	Diseases	Vaccine brand	Notes
18 years and over	Influenza	Age appropriate	Given 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.
25 years and over	Pneumococcal	Capvaxive®	No notes.
50-74 years	COVID-19	Comirnaty®	Given annually. For people with medical risk conditions (including severe immunocompromise) can consider a second annual dose, which is not funded under the NIP.
50 years and over	Shingles (herpes zoster)	Shingrix®	Given as 2 doses. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for dose intervals. 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®.
60 years and over	Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	Arexvy®	No notes.
75 years and over	COVID-19	Comirnaty®	Given as 2 doses annually, at least 6 months apart.

Vaccinations for pregnant women (also see vaccination for people with medical risk conditions)

When during pregnancy	Diseases	Vaccine brand	Notes
Any time	Influenza	Age appropriate	In each pregnancy, at any stage of pregnancy.
20 to 32 weeks (during the end of the second trimester to the beginning of the third trimester)	Pertussis (whooping cough)	Boostrix® or Adacel®	Single dose recommended each pregnancy, ideally between 20–32 weeks but may be given up until delivery.
28 to 36 weeks (during the third trimester)	Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	Abrysvo®	Single dose between 28–36 weeks of pregnancy but may be given after 36 weeks based on clinical advice.

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 dosing schedule. The number of doses required varies with age.
>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	*Haemophilus influenzae* 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 human papillomavirus disease, administer 3 doses. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for eligibility and dose intervals.
18–64 years	COVID-19	Comirnaty®	For people with severe immunocompromise, one annual dose is funded under the NIP. For people aged 50 years and over, also see the adult COVID-19 entries above.
≥18 years	Pneumococcal	Capvaxive®	For people with specified medical risk conditions that increase their risk of pneumococcal disease. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for dose intervals.
	Shingles	Shingrix®	For people with specified medical risk conditions that increase their risk of shingles disease. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for information on eligibility requirements.

General NIP eligibility and catch-up vaccinations

- The National Immunisation Program (NIP) provides the above routine vaccinations free to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- 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 less than 20 years of age are eligible for the NIP vaccines missed in childhood, except for HPV which is available free up to and including age 25.
- 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.

State and territory contact information

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

State/Territory	Contact information
Australian Capital Territory	(02) 5124 9800
New South Wales	1300 066 055
Northern Territory	(08) 8922 8044
Queensland	13 HEALTH (13 4325 84)
South Australia	1300 232 272
Tasmania	1800 671 738
Victoria	immunisation@health.vic.gov.au
Western Australia	(08) 9321 1312

More information

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For detailed information about doses, age brackets, medical risk conditions and catch-up vaccinations, visit www.immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au