


Vaccine safety in Australia 2020

We actively monitor immunisation safety in Australia.

 **12,839** parents/carers responded to an SMS about their child's health a few days after their 4-year vaccination.



81% reported **no** adverse events



19% reported any adverse event, including ...



1.7%

who reported taking their child to a doctor or emergency department in the days after vaccination.

The adverse events they reported were similar to the types of adverse events reported overall.

2,452 parents/carers reported one or more adverse events. The most commonly reported were:

Injection site swelling or redness	1,114 reports
Injection site pain	904 reports
Fever	770 reports
Tiredness	560 reports
Irritability	514 reports

These symptoms are known to occur after vaccination. They are generally mild and short-lived.

These symptoms are also common in young children for other reasons (such as viral infection) and **may not be related to vaccination**.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who received these vaccines had the same rates and types of adverse events as other children.

Vaccines given at 4 years in 2020

Infanrix IPV or Quadracel

Protects against

Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio