

Immunisation Schedule



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AGE/RISK GROUP	DISEASES VACCINATED AGAINST	VACCINE BRAND NAME
CHILDHOOD		
Birth	Hepatitis B	H-B-VaxII Paed [®] or Engerix B- Paed [®]
2 months <i>(may be given from 6 weeks)</i>	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) and hepatitis B	Infanrix-hexa [®] or Vaxelis [®]
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar [®] 13
	Rotavirus *	Rotarix [®]
4 months	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) and hepatitis B	Infanrix-hexa [®] or Vaxelis [®]
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar [®] 13
	Rotavirus *	Rotarix [®]
6 months	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) and hepatitis B	Infanrix-hexa [®] or Vaxelis [®]
6 months to under 5 years (annually)	Influenza*	Age appropriate influenza vaccine. See reverse side of schedule for more information.
12 months	Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)	Priorix [®] or MMRII [®]
	Meningococcal ACWY	Nimenrix [®]
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar [®] 13
18 months	Measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV)*	Priorix-tetra [®] or Proquad [®]
	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTPa)	Infanrix [®] or Tripacel [®]
	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib)	Act-HIB [®]
4 years	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and poliomyelitis	Infanrix-IPV [®] or Quadracel [®]
ADOLESCENT		
Year 7	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (dTpa)*	Boostrix [®] or Adacel [®]
	Human Papillomavirus (HPV)*	Gardasil 9 [®]
Year 10	Meningococcal ACWY	Nimenrix [®]
ADULT		
Pregnant women	Pertussis (whooping cough)	Boostrix [®] or Adacel [®]
	Influenza	Vaxigrip Tetra [®] or Fluarix Tetra [®] or Afluria Quad [®]
65 years and over	Influenza	Fluad [®]
	Shingles (herpes zoster)*	Shingrix [®] (two doses)
70 years and over	Pneumococcal*	Prevenar 13 [®]
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE (ADDITIONAL VACCINES)		
2, 4 and 12 months <i>(Catch-up program for children up to 2 years)</i>	Meningococcal B*	Bexsero [®]
6 months and over	Influenza*	Age appropriate influenza vaccine
50 years and over	Pneumococcal*	Prevenar 13 [®] and Pneumovax 23 [®]
	Shingles (herpes zoster)*	Shingrix [®] (two doses)
COVID-19		
6 months and over	COVID-19 vaccine	Follow recommendations based on age and risk factors. See www.health.gov.au/our-work/covid-19-vaccines

Refer to *The Australian Immunisation Handbook* for all medical risk factors and conditions
<https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au>

~ * Refer to reverse side of schedule for explanation ~

Rotavirus

Upper age limits apply to the Rotarix vaccine. The **minimum interval** between doses is **four weeks**.

Number of doses	Age of routine administration	Age limits for dosing
2 oral doses	2 and 4 months (4 week minimum interval between doses)	First dose by < 15 weeks of age Second dose by < 25 weeks of age

People with certain medical conditions may require extra immunisations:

Hepatitis B: Babies born at less than 32 weeks gestation or less than 2000 g birth weight require an extra hepatitis B vaccine at 12 months of age.

Pneumococcal, Meningococcal and Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib): Definitions for certain medical conditions can be viewed at The Australian Immunisation Handbook electronically at: <https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents>

Measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV)

MMRV is not recommended as the first dose of MMR containing vaccine for children under 4 years of age. The first dose must be MMR (at 12 months – Priorix® or MMR11®) and second dose – MMRV (at 18 months – Priorix Tetra® or Proquad®).

Meningococcal B

Meningococcal B (Bexsero®) is funded for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children at 2, 4 and 12 months of age.

Meningococcal B catch-up recommendations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children <2 years of age. Refer to The Australian Immunisation Handbook for more information at: <https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents>

Prophylactic use of paracetamol in children <2 years of age is recommended with each dose of Bexsero®.

Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (dTpa) (School Program)

Funded for all young people in Year 7 through the schools immunisation program, funded catch-up doses are available through general practitioners (GPs) after the school immunisation team have attended a young person's high school up until the young person's 20th birthday.

Human papillomavirus (School Program)

One funded dose for all children in Year 7 through the school immunisation program. The vaccine is available through general practitioners (GP's) until the child's 26th birthday. Individuals who are immunocompromised may require 3 doses.

Pertussis (whooping cough)

Recommended for pregnant women at 20 to 32 weeks gestation, but may be given up until delivery. Maternal vaccination has been shown to be effective in preventing pertussis disease in newborn infants via the transfer of maternal antibodies in utero. See The Australian Immunisation Handbook at: <https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents>

Pneumococcal

A single dose of 13vPCV (Prevenar 13®) should be given to all adults ≥70 years of age.

A single dose of 13vPCV (Prevenar 13®) and two doses of 23vPPV (Pneumovax 23®) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults ≥50 years of age.

Shingles (herpes zoster)

Shingrix® vaccine for the prevention of herpes zoster (shingles) and post-herpetic neuralgia (PHN) is now available for:

1. First Nations Australian adults aged 50 years and older
2. Non-indigenous people aged 65 years and older
3. Immunocompromised people aged 18 years and older with:
 - haemopoietic stem cell transplant
 - solid organ transplant
 - haematological malignancy and
 - advanced or untreated HIV

Shingrix requires two doses, with an interval of 2-6 months between doses for most people, and a recommended shorter interval of 1-2 months for individuals immunocompromised.

Influenza

Administer annually. In children aged 6 months to less than 9 years of age in the first year of administration, give 2 doses a minimum of 1 month apart. One dose annually in subsequent years. Information on age appropriate vaccines is available in the Immunisation Handbook or the annual ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines.

For further information contact the ACT Health Immunisation Enquiry Line on 02 5124 9800.

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