

# Immunisation Schedule



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AGE/RISK GROUP	DISEASES VACCINATED AGAINST	VACCINE BRAND NAME
<b>CHILDHOOD</b>		
Birth	Hepatitis B	H-B-VaxII Paed <sup>®</sup> or Engerix B- Paed <sup>®</sup>
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 <sup>®</sup>
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar <sup>®</sup> 13
	Rotavirus	Rotarix <sup>®</sup>
4 months	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) and hepatitis B	Infanrix-hexa <sup>®</sup>
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar <sup>®</sup> 13
	Rotavirus	Rotarix <sup>®</sup>
6 months	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) and hepatitis B	Infanrix-hexa <sup>®</sup>
12 months	Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)	Priorix <sup>®</sup> or MMRII <sup>®</sup>
	Meningococcal ACWY	Nimenrix <sup>®</sup>
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar <sup>®</sup> 13
18 months	Measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV)	Priorix-tetra <sup>®</sup> or Proquad <sup>®</sup>
	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTPa)	Infanrix <sup>®</sup> or Tripacel <sup>®</sup>
	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib)	Act-HIB <sup>®</sup>
4 years	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and poliomyelitis	Infanrix-IPV <sup>®</sup> or Quadracel <sup>®</sup>
6 months to under 5 years	Influenza	Age appropriate influenza vaccine
<b>ADOLESCENT</b>		
Year 7	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (dTpa)	Boostrix <sup>®</sup>
	Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	Gardasil 9 <sup>®</sup>
Year 10	Meningococcal ACWY	Nimenrix <sup>®</sup>
Adolescents aged 16 to 19 years <i>(Catch-up program)</i>	Meningococcal ACWY	Nimenrix <sup>®</sup>
<b>ADULT</b>		
Pregnant women	Pertussis (whooping cough)	Boostrix <sup>®</sup> or Adacel <sup>®</sup>
	Influenza	FluQuadri <sup>®</sup> or Fluarix Tetra <sup>®</sup> or Afluria Quad <sup>®</sup>
65 years and over	Influenza	Fluad <sup>®</sup>
70 years and over	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13 <sup>®</sup>
70 to 79 years of age	Shingles (herpes zoster)	Zostavax <sup>®</sup>
<b>ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE (ADDITIONAL VACCINES)</b>		
2, 4 and 12 months <i>(Catch-up program for children up to 2 years)</i>	Meningococcal B	Bexsero <sup>®</sup>
6 months and over	Influenza	Age appropriate influenza vaccine
50 years and over	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13 <sup>®</sup> and Pneumovax 23 <sup>®</sup>

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 until 30 June 2023, 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)

Funded for all children in Year 7 through the schools immunisation program. Two funded doses are available through general practitioners (GPs) from the end of school year until the child's 20th birthday. Adolescents over 15 years at the time of their first HPV vaccine require 3 doses (one dose is self-funded).

## 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)

All people aged 70 years old, with a five year catch-up program for people aged 71 to 79 years until 31 October 2021.

## Influenza

Further information on influenza vaccines and vaccination schedule can be viewed at: [www.health.act.gov.au/flu](http://www.health.act.gov.au/flu)

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

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