

Routine childhood vaccinations

The New South Wales Immunisation Schedule outlines recommended vaccines that are available free under the National Immunisation Program. Children can receive free vaccines as long as they are on a Medicare card or are eligible for one.

Getting Vaccinated



Most childhood immunisations are given as an injection in the arm or leg, except rotavirus vaccine, which is given by mouth. A vaccine dose may protect against one specific disease, or several diseases using a combination vaccine which helps reduce the number of injections your child needs. There is no need to skip or delay a vaccination visit due to a mild illness such as a runny nose or slight cold. During the visit, your vaccination provider will ask some questions to check there are no concerns in vaccinating your child.

Vaccinate on Time



It's important to vaccinate on time to give your child the best protection against harmful diseases. Follow the **NSW Immunisation Schedule** and set a reminder to book your child's next appointment. If your child is overdue or missed a scheduled vaccination, speak to your vaccination provider about catching up. A range of catch-up vaccines are available **free** if they were missed in childhood.

Keeping Records

You will need to provide records of your child's immunisations for child care, preschool and for school enrolment.

Parents can request a copy of their child's AIR Immunisation History Statement at any time (before their children turn 14 years of age):

- + Ask at your **usual Health Service**
- + **Medicare online account** on [myGov](#)
- + Using the **Medicare Express Plus App**
- + Calling the **AIR General Enquiries Line** on **1800 653 809**



NOW'S the **TIME**



Time to vaccinate



**Routine childhood immunisation helps
protect our kids from serious diseases.**



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Vaccines are Safe

All vaccines available in Australia have been assessed to ensure they are safe and effective before they are approved for use.

Their safety continues to be monitored once in use. The benefits of vaccinating far outweigh any risks.

It is safer to be vaccinated than get the disease.



Where to get Vaccinated

Vaccinations are provided by:

- + **Aboriginal Medical Services**
- + **Some local councils**
- + **Some community health centres**
- + **GPs**

It's normal to have questions. Have a yarn to your doctor or health worker about **FREE** routine childhood immunisations today.












NOW'S THE TIME

Keep Bub Healthy

On-time vaccination is your child's best protection against serious diseases

NSW Aboriginal* Children's Immunisation Schedule

Correct as of Jan 1st, 2024

Vaccine	Disease
 Birth H-B-Vax II OR Engerix B	Hepatitis B
 6 weeks Infanrix Hexa OR Vaxelis Prevenar 13 Rotarix (Oral) Bexsero	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, Haemophilus influenzae type b, hepatitis B, polio Pneumococcal Rotavirus Meningococcal B [†]  Give age-appropriate paracetamol before this vaccine
 4 months Infanrix Hexa OR Vaxelis Prevenar 13 Rotarix (Oral) Bexsero	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, Haemophilus influenzae type b, hepatitis B, polio Pneumococcal Rotavirus Meningococcal B [†]  Give age-appropriate paracetamol before this vaccine
 6 months Infanrix Hexa OR Vaxelis Additional Bexsero - <i>see note ></i>	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, Haemophilus influenzae type b, hepatitis B, polio Only children ≥6 months with certain at risk conditions may require this additional dose 
Yearly Flu Vaccine	Influenza
Nimenrix Prevenar 13 MMR II OR Priorix Bexsero	Meningococcal ACWY Pneumococcal Measles, mumps, rubella Meningococcal B [†]  Give age-appropriate paracetamol before this vaccine
 18 months Infanrix OR Tripacel Priorix Tetra OR Proquad ACT-HIB	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella Haemophilus influenzae type b
 4 years Infanrix-IPV OR Quadracel	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio

ANNUALLY any time from 6 months

[†] Catch up available for Aboriginal children <2 years. * The term Aboriginal is inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.