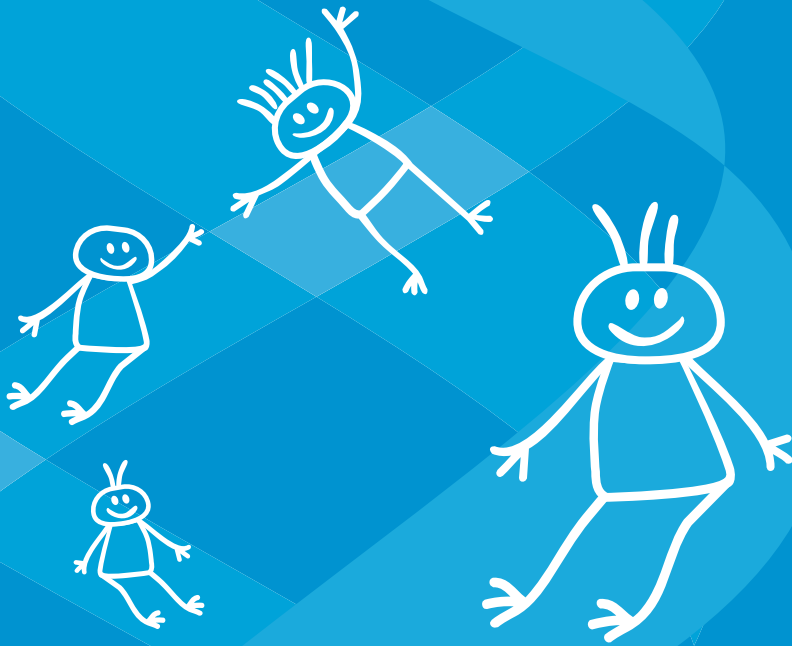


Immunisation



What is immunisation and why does my child need it?

Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way to protect children (and adults) against several harmful diseases. Vaccines 'turn on' the body's natural defences to help them fight these diseases which can cause serious illness and even death.

What vaccines are given?

The National Health and Medical Research Council recommends a number of vaccines, these are listed on pages 69-70.

Talk with your immunisation provider to work out your own child's needs.

Each time your child is immunised, take this book along so the vaccines given can be recorded. You may need to provide proof of your child's immunisation history to enter childcare, kindergarten or school.

When should I immunise my child?

Your child needs immunisations at **birth** then at **2, 4, 6, 12** and **18 months** and again at **4 years** of age. Immunisations due at **2 months** of age may be given to babies from **6 weeks** of age to offer earlier protection from disease. Immunisations due at **4 years** of age may be given to children from **3 years 6 months** of age.

Aboriginal children may be at increased risk of certain diseases such as Hepatitis A and therefore need additional immunisations at **18 months** and **2 years** of age.

If these immunisations are not given at the right time your child may be unprotected against harmful diseases.

Additional immunisations may be required for babies born prematurely and children with some long-term illnesses as they are at increased risk of complications from diseases.

Where can I get my child immunised and will it be free?

Immunisation is available from your local doctor, many local councils and community health services. Please contact them directly for clinic times and venues. Vaccines listed on the National Immunisation Program schedule (see pages 69-70) are free for all children who live in Australia.

What happens if my child misses an immunisation?

It is strongly recommended that you try very hard to have your child immunised at the ages shown in the schedule (see pages 69-70). If you miss a date, your child may still be able to receive immunisations. You should contact your immunisation provider straight away to discuss this.

Will there be any side effects?

Vaccines are like any other medicine and can have side effects. Most reactions are only mild, short lasting, and do not require special treatment. Your immunisation provider will explain what reactions there might be after an immunisation and what to do if you are worried.

Very rarely a child may have a severe allergic reaction. Your immunisation provider is trained to recognise and manage any immediate severe reactions.

Information about the possible side effects of immunisation can be confusing. If you would like further information, call the Immunisation Section, SA Health, on 08 8226 7177 or the 24 hour Parent Helpline on 1300 364 100.

You can also read the *Immunisation Myths and Realities, 4th Edition* booklet at www.immunise.health.gov.au. The National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS) www.ncirs.usyd.edu.au also has information.

Do I need to provide any other information before my child can be immunised?

Before your child is immunised the doctor or nurse will ask you some questions to make sure your child is well enough to receive the immunisation. You will be able to discuss any concerns you may have about the vaccines or diseases before your child is immunised.

Before any immunisation takes place your doctor or nurse will ask you:

- > Did you understand the information provided to you about immunisation?
- > Do you need more information to decide whether to go ahead with immunisation?
- > Do you agree for your child to be immunised?

Further information

For more information or if you have any questions regarding your child's immunisation, please call the Immunisation Section, SA Health on 08 8226 7177 or the 24 hour Parent Helpline on 1300 364 100.

You can also visit www.immunise.health.gov.au and/or www.ncirs.edu.au

For travel immunisation advice visit www.smarttraveller.gov.au

National Immunisation Program South Australian childhood immunisation schedule

* Please be aware that the National Immunisation Program is subject to change
Your immunisation provider will have the most current information.

Age	Dose no.	Disease	Vaccine
Birth	Birth	Hepatitis B	HB Vax II
2 months	1 st	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Haemophilus Influenzae type B, Hepatitis B, Polio	} Infanrix hexa
	1 st	Pneumococcal	Prevenar
	1 st	Rotavirus	RotaTeq
4 months	2 nd	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Haemophilus Influenzae type B, Hepatitis B, Polio	} Infanrix hexa
	2 nd	Pneumococcal	Prevenar
	2 nd	Rotavirus	RotaTeq
6 months	3 rd	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Haemophilus Influenzae type B, Hepatitis B, Polio	} Infanrix hexa
	3 rd	Pneumococcal	Prevenar
	3 rd	Rotavirus	RotaTeq
12 months	1 st	Measles, Mumps, Rubella	} Priorix
	1 st	Meningococcal C	Neis Vac C or Meningitec
	4 th	Haemophilus Influenzae type B	Hiberix

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 South Australian childhood immunisation schedule (continued)

18 months	1 st	Chickenpox (Varicella)	Varivax
18 months	1 st	Chickenpox (Varicella)	Varivax
Aboriginal children <u>only</u>	1 st	Hepatitis A	Vaqta
2 years	1 st	Pneumococcal	Pneumovax 23
Aboriginal children <u>only</u>	2 nd	Hepatitis A	Vaqta
4 years	4 th	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio	} Infanrix-IPV
	2 nd	Measles, Mumps, Rubella	} Priorix

Adolescent Immunisation Schedule

Program	No. of doses	Disease	Vaccine
School Based Immunisation Program Year 8	2	Hepatitis B	HB Vax II adult
	1	Chickenpox (Varicella)	Varivax
	3 (Girls only)	Human Papillomavirus	Gardasil
School Based Immunisation Program Year 9	1	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	Boostrix

Immunisation record (to be completed by doctor or nurse)

Child's name D.O.B.

Medicare number

** I have read and understood the information given to me about immunisation including the effects of disease and the side effects of immunisation. I have been given the opportunity to discuss the risks and benefits with my doctor/nurse. I request the named child to be immunised with the vaccines recommended on the National Immunisation Program schedule and I understand that consent can be withdrawn at anytime. (Parent/guardian to sign at each encounter.)*

Age	Dose no.	Immunisation	Batch number	Date given	Next due	Provider signature/stamp	Parent/Guardian Signature *
Birth	Birth	Hepatitis B LL/RL					
2 months	1 st	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Haemophilus Influenzae type B, Hepatitis B, Polio LL/RL					
	1 st	Pneumococcal (7vPCV) LL/RL					
	1 st	Rotavirus (oral)					
4 months	2 nd	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Haemophilus Influenzae type B, Hepatitis B, Polio LL/RL					
	2 nd	Pneumococcal (7vPCV) LL/RL					
	2 nd	Rotavirus (oral)					

Immunisation record - continued (to be completed by doctor or nurse)

Child's name D.O.B.

Medicare number

Age	Dose no.	Immunisation	Batch number	Date given	Next due	Provider signature/stamp	Parent/Guardian Signature *
6 months	3 rd	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Haemophilus Influenzae type B, Hepatitis B, Polio LL/RL					
	3 rd	Pneumococcal (7vPCV) L/L/RL					
	3 rd	Rotavirus (oral)					
12 months	1 st	Measles, Mumps, Rubella LA/RA/LU/RL					
	1 st	Meningococcal C LA/RA					
	4 th	Haemophilus Influenzae type B LA/RA					
18 months	1 st	Chickenpox (Varicella) LA/RA					

Child's name D.O.B.

Medicare number

Age	Dose no.	Immunisation	Batch number	Date given	Next due	Provider signature/stamp	Parent/Guardian Signature *
18 months Aboriginal children only	1 st	Chickenpox (Varicella)	LA/RA				
	1 st	Hepatitis A	LA/RA				
2 years Aboriginal children only	1 st	Pneumococcal (Pneumovax 23)	LA/RA				
	2 nd	Hepatitis A	LA/RA				
4 years	4 th	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio	LA/RA				
	2 nd	Measles, Mumps, Rubella	LA/RA				

School based immunisation program and 'other' vaccination record

Child's name

D.O.B.

In South Australia, vaccines on the National Immunisation Program (NIP) for adolescents are delivered by either local government or other health services through a school based immunisation program.

As this program may change periodically please contact the Immunisation Section on 8226 7177 for information on the vaccines your child will be offered when they reach high school.

Additional vaccines your child may receive may be recorded here, for example annual influenza and/or vaccines required for travel overseas.

Immunisation records are important to keep for:

- > childcare
- > kindergarten
- > school
- > university
- > travel
- > employment

AGE	IMMUNISATION <i>(document site given)</i>	BATCH NUMBER	DATE GIVEN	NEXT DUE	PROVIDER SIGNATURE/STAMP

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