

About immunisation

Information for parents



Easy English





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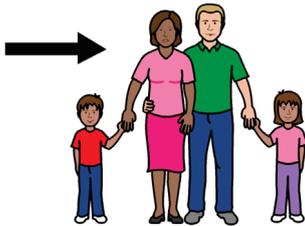
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About this book



This book is written

- by Queensland Health



- for parents.

This book is about **immunisation**

Immunisation means your body is protected from some diseases.

You need to have a **vaccine** to be immunised.



A vaccine is protection medicine.

The medicine might be



- injected

- swallowed.



All vaccines used in Australia are safe.

Immunisation can protect you from a lot of diseases.

For example



- measles



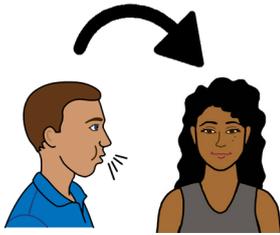
- mumps



- the flu



- whooping cough.



You can catch diseases from other people.



When a lot of people get immunised it is hard for diseases to spread in the community.

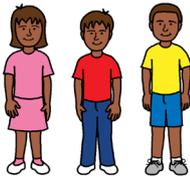
Who should get immunised?

Everyone should get immunised.

For example



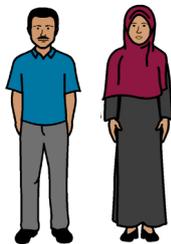
- babies



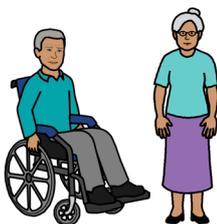
- children



- young adults



- adults



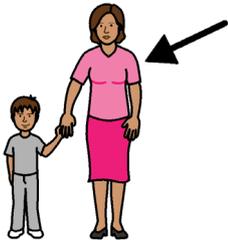
- older people.

It is very important for babies and young children to get immunised.



It is also important for pregnant women to get immunised.

Immunisation can protect



- the mother

and

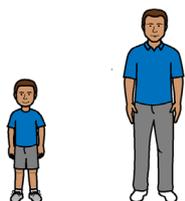


- the baby.

When should your family get immunised?



Australia has an immunisation **schedule**.



A schedule says which vaccines should be given at different ages.

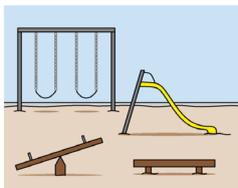
It is important to follow the schedule.

When you follow the schedule



- your child will be better protected from disease
- you can get **family assistance payments** from the government

– family assistance payments are from Centrelink.



- your child can go to child care.

If your child misses some immunisations your doctor can make a plan to catch up.



Your child might need to get more immunisations to keep them protected from diseases.

Your family might have to get immunised again if you do **not** have immunisation records from your home country.



If you travel outside Australia your family might need immunisations to keep them safe from disease.



Your doctor can tell you which immunisations you will need.

Will the immunisations hurt?

You might feel a small pain when you get the injection.



You might have pain **after** the injection.
For example, a sore arm.



You might have a mild fever **after** the injection.
Pain and fever will usually go away.

If you are worried you can see your doctor.

Where to get immunised

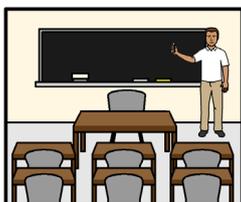
You can get immunisations from



- your doctor

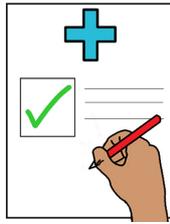


- some local councils



- high school

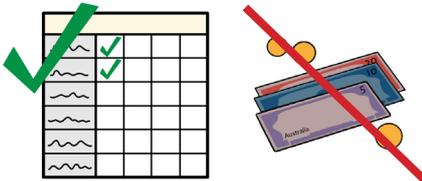
– for children in Year 7 and Year 10 only.



You must sign a consent form to say **yes** before your child gets immunised at school.

If your child misses an immunisation at school your doctor can give it to them.

How much do immunisations cost?



Vaccines listed on the Australian schedule are free for some groups.



Ask your doctor if this includes you.

If you get immunised by your doctor you might have to pay for the doctor visit.

Where can you get your immunisation record?

You can get your immunisation record from

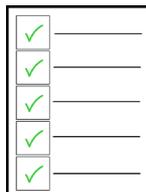


- your doctor

- the Australian Immunisation Register.



Call the Australian Immunisation Register on
1800 653 809.



Ask for your immunisation history statement.

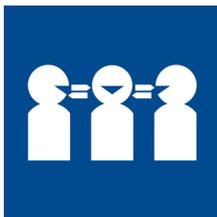


More information

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www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/immunisation

or

www.vaccinate.initiatives.qld.gov.au

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