

Immunisation saves lives.
It's best to get immunised at the recommended times.

When I am:	I need immunisation to protect against:
Pregnant	- Influenza (flu) - Whooping cough (pertussis) - Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
Born (at birth)	- Hepatitis B - Respiratory Syncytial Virus (Nirsevimab)*^s - Tuberculosis (<5 years living in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities)
2 months (can be given from 6 weeks)	- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) - Rotavirus - Pneumococcal - Meningococcal B
4 months	- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) - Pneumococcal - Meningococcal B - Rotavirus
6 months	- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) - Influenza (flu) - Pneumococcal*[†] - Meningococcal B*[†]
12 months	- Meningococcal ACWY - Meningococcal B - Measles, mumps, rubella - Pneumococcal - Hepatitis B[‡]
18 months	- Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) - Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella - Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) - Hepatitis A[†]
4 years	- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio - Pneumococcal*[†] - Hepatitis A[†]

*Specified medical risk conditions [†]Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children [‡]Low birth weight (<2000g) and pre-term babies (<32 weeks gestation) [§]If maternal RSV immunisation (Abyrsvo) not received

Visit the 'Vaccination Matters' website for more information on **maternal, childhood, adolescent and adult** immunisations.



Where can I get immunised?

Immunisation is offered through general practitioners (GPs), some pharmacies and community immunisation clinics.



To find an immunisation provider near you, scan the QR code or visit www.healthdirect.gov.au

Where can I find more information?

Vaccination and Immunisation Matters

www.vaccinate.initiatives.qld.gov.au

Immunisation for pregnancy

www.health.gov.au/topics/immunisation/when-to-get-vaccinated

Immunisation for children

www.health.gov.au/topics/immunisation/when-to-get-vaccinated

Children's Health Queensland

www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au

Connecting2u

www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/our-work/connecting2u

Sharing Knowledge About Immunisation (SKAI)

www.skai.org.au

Raising Children Network

www.raisingchildren.net.au

Questions about immunisation?



Visit the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Aging for more information.

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Immunisation Program

Maternal and infant immunisation



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Why is maternal and infant immunisation so important?

Immunisation during pregnancy and in the early years of life gives vital protection when babies are most vulnerable.

Immunisation helps protect mothers, developing babies, and young children from serious diseases and complications.

By being immunised, mothers pass on antibodies to their babies, offering protection in those first few months before infants can be immunised themselves. Staying up to date helps keep your child, your family, and the wider community safe.

Pre-pregnancy immunisation

Before pregnancy, it is important to check you are up to date with immunisation as part of your preconception health check. In particular, speak to your immunisation provider about:

- hepatitis B
- measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)
- varicella (chickenpox).

For more information on immunisations before and during pregnancy, scan the QR code or visit: www.healthdirect.gov.au/vaccinations-and-pregnancy



Immunisation while breastfeeding

The vaccines recommended during pregnancy are **safe while breastfeeding**, and there is no need to stop or interrupt breastfeeding before or after immunisation.

After pregnancy, you might need other immunisations for certain jobs, travel, or medical conditions. It's best to let your immunisation provider know you are breastfeeding to ensure you get the right advice for your circumstances.

Giving multiple vaccines at the same time

For the best protection, vaccines should be given according to the **recommended schedule during pregnancy**. If any are missed, it's still possible to catch up before baby is born. All recommended vaccines can be safely given at the same time during pregnancy and during childhood, ensuring mothers and young children get timely protection.



Free maternal and infant immunisation

All vaccines recommended during pregnancy and those on the infant schedule are provided **free of charge**. However some immunisation providers may charge a consultation or service fee for your visit, so it's a good idea to enquire about any costs before your appointment.

Immunisation for family and friends

Infants and young children are particularly vulnerable to serious infections. One way to protect them is to ensure everyone in close contact, like parents, siblings, grandparents, and regular visitors, are up to date with all **recommended immunisations**.

These include, but are not limited to, **pertussis (whooping cough) and seasonal influenza vaccines**, which may help form a protective "cocoon" around your baby.

Encourage friends and family to check their immunisation history before visiting. These records can be easily accessed via myGov or by asking their GP or healthcare provider.

