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Vaccination dates are vital

Parents of young children are being urged to ensure that all vaccinations are up-to-date. Dr Penny Hutchinson, Director of the Darling Downs Public Health Unit, said it was very important to make sure children received vaccinations at the right time.

“Making sure children receive appropriate immunisations, on-time in accordance with the National Immunisation Program, can be a real life-saver,” Dr Hutchinson said.

“It’s all about protecting your own children as well as those people who can’t be immunised for medical reasons and also infants and children who are too young to be vaccinated.

“To make it easier to ensure children are vaccinated at the right time, go to the www.qld.gov.au/vaccinate website to find out more about the ‘VacciDate’ app. This free resource allows you to enter details about your child’s vaccination schedule, records vaccination history and sends reminders to ensure a vaccination date is not missed.”

Dr Hutchinson said ensuring vaccinations were up to date was especially important, particularly in light of common myths and misconceptions about vaccination.

“To protect children from a range of preventable diseases, and put them on the path to lifelong protection, parents need to make sure their kids receive the free vaccines available under the National Immunisation Program,” she said.

“We are concerned that some children are being exposed to the risk of serious illness from preventable diseases because of misinformation.

“Everyone who can be vaccinated should be and they should be vaccinated on time,” Dr Hutchinson said.

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