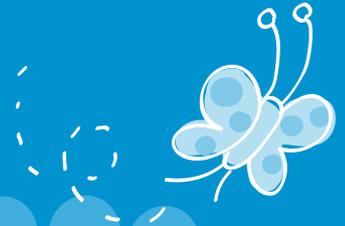


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What is immunisation and why does my child need it?

Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way to protect children (and adults) from serious diseases. Immunisation involves giving vaccines to use the body's natural defence mechanism – the immune response – to build resistance to specific infections that can cause serious illness and even death.

What vaccinations should my child have and when?

The National Immunisation Program recommends a number of vaccines for all children at certain times. These vaccines are listed on pages 14 – 15 and are available free for all Australian children at birth, 2, 4, 6, 12 and 18 months and again at 4 years of age. To provide earlier protection for your baby, vaccines due at 2 months can be given to babies from 6 weeks of age and the vaccines due at 4 years can be given to children from 3½ years of age.

Children born prematurely or who have long-term illnesses may need extra vaccines as they are at an increased risk of complications from these illnesses. If you are unsure, check with your doctor, nurse or health care worker.

Don't delay!

To offer the best protection, it is important for your child to be vaccinated at the recommended times rather than delaying or only giving some of the vaccines. If these vaccinations are not given at the right time your child may not be protected against harmful diseases. If you miss a date, contact your immunisation provider straight away to discuss and organise your child's vaccinations.

What if my child is Aboriginal?

Be sure to tell the doctor, nurse or health care worker if either parent identifies as Aboriginal as your child may need extra vaccinations at 12 and 18 months of age to give them added protection.

Is vaccination safe?

Vaccines, like any other medicine can have side effects. Most reactions, such as soreness at the injection site or a slight fever, are mild and short lasting. Your immunisation provider will explain what reactions there might be after a vaccination and what to do if you are worried. Serious side effects are extremely rare but may include allergic reactions (including anaphylaxis). It is important for you to wait 15 minutes after vaccinations so your child can be observed for any reactions. Your immunisation provider is trained to recognise and manage any immediate, severe reactions.

For more information about possible side effects:

- > call the SA Health Immunisation Section on 1300 232 272 Monday to Friday 8.30 am – 5.00 pm
- > call healthdirect Australia outside of business hours on 1800 022 222
- > read the Immunisation myths and realities booklet www.immunise.health.gov.au
- > read information on the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS) website www.ncirs.edu.au

Where do I go to get my child vaccinated? Are the vaccines free?

Check with your doctor, local council or community health service. The vaccines listed on pages 14 – 15 are free for all Australian children who are eligible to hold a Medicare card. Immunisations provided by local councils and community health services are free. Many doctors also provide childhood immunisations for free, but some may charge a fee for the consultation.

What my immunisation provider will ask me before my child can be vaccinated

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

- > if you understood the information given to you about immunisation
- > if you need more information before you decide whether to go ahead with vaccination
- > if you agree for your child to be vaccinated.

Discuss any concerns you may have about the vaccines or diseases before your child is vaccinated.

Why do I need to keep a record of my child's vaccinations?

It is important to keep a record of your child's vaccinations as you may need to provide proof of your child's vaccination history to enter childcare, kindergarten or school. It may also be useful to your child when they are an adult. Take this book along each time your child is immunised so the vaccines given can be recorded.

School-based immunisation program and other vaccinations

In South Australia, vaccines on the National Immunisation Program for adolescents are delivered by local government or a health service through a school-based immunisation program. Records of school-based and other vaccines your child may receive, for example annual influenza and / or vaccines required for overseas travel, can be recorded on page 19.

For more information

- > Call the SA Health Immunisation Section, on 1300 232 272 Monday to Friday 8.30 am – 5.00 pm.
- > Outside of these hours, healthdirect Australia is able to offer advice on 1800 022 222.
- > Visit www.immunise.health.gov.au and / or www.ncirs.edu.au
- > The science behind immunisation www.science.org.au/policy/immunisation
- > For travel immunisation advice visit www.smarttraveller.gov.au



Immunisation records are important to keep for childcare, kindergarten, school, university, travel and employment.

South Australian Childhood Immunisation Schedule July 2013

The National Immunisation Program is subject to change. Your immunisation provider will have the most current information.

Age	Dose no.	Disease	Vaccine
Birth (0 – 7 days)	Birth	Hepatitis B	HB Vax II Paediatric
6 weeks – 2 months	1st	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, <i>Haemophilus Influenzae</i> type b (Hib), Hepatitis B, Polio	Infanrix hexa
	1st	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13
	1st	Rotavirus	RotaTeq
4 months	2nd	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, <i>Haemophilus Influenzae</i> type b (Hib), Hepatitis B, Polio	Infanrix hexa
	2nd	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13
	2nd	Rotavirus	RotaTeq
6 months	3rd	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, <i>Haemophilus Influenzae</i> type b (Hib), Hepatitis B, Polio	Infanrix hexa
	3rd	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13
	3rd	Rotavirus	RotaTeq
12 months	1st	Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	M-M-R II / Priorix
	1st / 4th	<i>Haemophilus Influenzae</i> type b (Hib) / Meningococcal C	Menitorix

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Age	Dose no.	Disease	Vaccine
12 months Aboriginal children only	1st	Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	M-M-R II / Priorix
	1st / 4th	<i>Haemophilus Influenzae</i> type b (Hib) / Meningococcal C	Menitorix
	4th	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13
	1st	Hepatitis A	Vaqta Paediatric
18 months	2nd / 1st	Measles, Mumps, Rubella/Varicella (Chicken Pox)	MMRV
18 months Aboriginal children only	2nd / 1st	Measles, Mumps, Rubella/Varicella (Chicken Pox)	MMRV
	2nd	Hepatitis A	Vaqta Paediatric
3½ – 4 years	4th	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio	Infanrix IPV

The term Aboriginal is inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

Immunisation record (to be completed by doctor or nurse)

My name _____ Date of birth ____ / ____ / ____ Medicare number _____

Age	Dose No.	Immunisation	Batch number	Date given	Next due	Provider signature / stamp
Birth (0 – 7 days)	Birth	Hepatitis B LL/RL				
6 weeks – 2 months	1st	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib), Hepatitis B, Polio LL/RL				
	1st	Pneumococcal (13vPCV) LL/RL				
	1st	Rotavirus (Oral)				
4 months	2nd	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib), Hepatitis B, Polio LL/RL				
	2nd	Pneumococcal (13vPCV) LL/RL				
	2nd	Rotavirus (Oral)				

Immunisation record (to be completed by doctor or nurse)

My name _____ Date of birth ____ / ____ / ____ Medicare number _____

Age	Dose No.	Immunisation	Batch number	Date given	Next due	Provider signature / stamp
6 months	3rd	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib), Hepatitis B, Polio LL/RL				
	3rd	Pneumococcal (13vPCV) LL/RL				
	3rd	Rotavirus (Oral)				
12 months	1st	Measles, Mumps, Rubella LA/RA/LL/RL				
	1st / 4th	Meningococcal C / <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) LA/RA/LL/RL				

Immunisation record (to be completed by doctor or nurse)

My name _____ Date of birth ____ / ____ / ____ Medicare number _____

Age	Dose No.	Immunisation	Batch number	Date given	Next due	Provider signature / stamp
12 months Aboriginal children only	1st	Measles, Mumps, Rubella LA/RA/LL/RL				
	1st / 4th	Meningococcal C / <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) LA/RA/LL/RL				
	3rd	Pneumococcal (13vPCV) LA/RA/LL/RL				
	1st	Hepatitis A LA/RA/LL/RL				
18 months	2nd / 1st	Measles, Mumps, Rubella / Varicella (Chickenpox) LA/RA				
18 months Aboriginal children only	2nd / 1st	Measles, Mumps, Rubella / Varicella (Chickenpox) LA/RA				
	2nd	Hepatitis A LA/RA				
3½ – 4 years	4th	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio LA/RA				

Additional vaccinations (for example influenza, travel vaccines)

Age	Dose No.	Immunisation / site given	Batch number	Date given	Next due	Provider signature / stamp