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| Check you are using the correct varicella containing vaccines | | |  |
| National Immunisation Program vaccine recommendations  November 2023 | | |
| Vaccine brand | Packaging |
| **Varivax®**  Varicella -zoster (chickenpox)  **Age recommendation**  **Catch-up**   * From 19 months * From 14 years to < 20 years * Refugees and asylum seekers from 12 months   **Notes**   * Syringe of diluent + vial with pellet * 14 years and older - 2 dose course, a minimum of 4 weeks apart * **Live attenuated virus vaccine** * **Contraindicated in immunocompromised individuals** | Varivax® packaging |
| **Shingrix®**  Herpes-zoster(shingles)  **Age recommendation**   * People aged 65 years and older * Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 years and older * Immunocompromised people aged 18 years or older with certain medical risk conditions.   **Notes**   * Syringe of diluent + vial with powder * Two dose course:   + 2-6 months apart (immunocompetent person)   + 1-2 months apart (immunocompromised person) |  |
| Vaccine brand | Packaging |
| **Priorix-Tetra®**  MMRV (measles-mumps-rubella-varicella)  **Age recommendation**   * 18 months   **Catch-up**   * 19 months to < 14 years - catch-up   **Notes**   * Syringe of diluent + vial with pellet * **Live attenuated virus vaccine** * **Contraindicated in immunocompromised individuals** * Must be administered as the 2nd MMR dose for children <4 years of age due to the risk of febrile seizure if MMRV is given as a 1st dose | PriorixTetra® packaging |

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Always check that vaccines are prepared and administered appropriately in accordance with product instructions and recommendations in [the Australian Immunisation Handbook](https://dhhsvicgovau.sharepoint.com/sites/RHPEMImmunisationUnit-DHHS-GRP/Shared%20Documents/General/Vaxelis%20%20-%20introduction%20to%20the%20NIP%20-%20July%202023/Project%20plan/Documents%20final%20approval%20received/the%20Australian%20Immunisation%20Handbook) <https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/>.

Use this resource in conjunction with the [Immunisation schedule Victoria and vaccine eligibility criteria](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/immunisation-schedule-victoria-and-vaccine-eligibility-criteria) <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/immunisation-schedule-victoria-and-vaccine-eligibility-criteria>.

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