

# Immunisation schedule Victoria July 2024

This schedule is intended as a guide only and complete consultation with the Australian Immunisation Handbook is recommended.

## National Immunisation Schedule - Infants and children

| Age  | Disease   | Vaccine  | Notes  |
|--|---|--|--|
| Birth  | Hepatitis B   | H-B-Vax-II paediatric or Engerix-B paediatric (IM) | Within 7 days of birth (ideally within 24 hours), no catch-up required   |
| 2 months (from 6 weeks) and 4 months         | Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, poliomyelitis-hepatitis B- <i>Haemophilus Influenzae</i> type b | Infanrix <i>hexa</i> (IM)<br>Vaxelis (IM)          | Rotarix: Dose 1 limited to 6-14 weeks of age, dose 2 limited to 10-24 weeks of age<br>Bexsero: Prophylactic paracetamol recommended pre and post vaccination – see AIH#. Catch up available for Aboriginal <sup>‡</sup> children <2 years  |
|  | Pneumococcal  | Prevenar 13 (IM)                                   |  |
|  | Rotavirus   | Rotarix (Oral)                                     |  |
| Aboriginal <sup>‡</sup>                      | Meningococcal B   | Bexsero (IM)                                       |  |
| 6 months                                     | Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-poliomyelitis-hepatitis B- <i>Haemophilus Influenzae</i> type b  | Infanrix <i>hexa</i> (IM)<br>Vaxelis (IM)          | Children ≥6 months with at risk conditions for IPD* are recommended to receive an additional dose of Prevenar 13 – see AIH#  |
| 6 months to <5 years (annually)              | Influenza <sup>†</sup>  | As supplied  | Administer annually. In children aged 6 months to less than 9 years of age in the first year of administration, give 2 doses a minimum of 1 month apart  |
| 12 months                                    | Measles-mumps-rubella   | Priorix or M-M-R II (IM/SC)                        | Premature babies < 32 weeks gestation or <2000g birthweight are recommended to receive an additional dose of H-B-Vax-II paediatric or Engerix-B paediatric – see AIH#<br>Bexsero: Prophylactic paracetamol recommended pre and post vaccination – see AIH#. Catch up available for Aboriginal <sup>‡</sup> children <2 years |
|  | Meningococcal ACWY  | Nimenrix (IM)                                      |  |
|  | Pneumococcal  | Prevenar 13 (IM)                                   |  |
| Aboriginal <sup>‡</sup>                      | Meningococcal B   | Bexsero (IM)                                       |  |
| 18 months                                    | Measles-mumps-rubella-varicella   | Priorix-tetra (IM/SC)                              |  |
|  | Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis  | Infanrix or Tripacel (IM)                          |  |
|  | <i>Haemophilus Influenzae</i> type b  | Act-HIB (IM/SC)                                    |  |
| 4 years                                      | Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-poliomyelitis  | Infanrix IPV or Quadracel (IM)                     | Children with at risk conditions for IPD* are recommended to receive an additional dose of Pneumovax 23 – see AIH#   |
| ≥ 5 years with at risk condition (annually)  | Influenza <sup>†</sup>  | As supplied  | Administer annually. If less than 9 years of age in the first year of administration, give 2 doses a minimum of 1 month apart  |
| Aboriginal <sup>‡</sup> ≥ 5 years (annually) | Influenza <sup>†</sup>  | As supplied  | Administer annually. If less than 9 years of age in the first year of administration, give 2 doses a minimum of 1 month apart  |

## National Immunisation Schedule - Adolescents, adults and at-risk groups

| Age  | Disease                             | Vaccine                            | Notes  |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Aboriginal <sup>‡</sup> (annually)   | Influenza <sup>†</sup>              | As supplied                        | Administer annually  |
| People with at risk conditions (annually)  | Influenza <sup>†</sup>              | As supplied                        | Administer annually  |
| Year 7 (or age equivalent)   | Human papillomavirus (HPV)          | Gardasil 9 (IM)                    | HPV: Single dose recommended. Not required if previously received. If dose was missed and not previously received, a catch-up is available up to and including 25 years of age |
|  | Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis        | Adacel or Boostrix (IM)            |  |
| Year 10 (or age equivalent)  | Meningococcal ACWY                  | Nimenrix (IM)<br>MenQuadfi (IM)    |  |
| People with at risk conditions for IPD*  | Pneumococcal                        | Prevenar 13 and Pneumovax 23 (IM)  | See AIH <sup>#</sup> for conditions recommended to receive Prevenar 13 and Pneumovax 23  |
| All people with asplenia, hyposplenia, complement deficiency and treatment with eculizumab   | Meningococcal ACWY                  | Nimenrix (IM)                      | See AIH <sup>#</sup> for required doses and timing<br>Additional groups are recommended to receive these vaccines but these are not funded                                     |
|  | Meningococcal B                     | Bexsero (IM)                       |  |
| >5 years with asplenia or hyposplenia  | Haemophilus Influenzae type b (HiB) | Act-HIB (IM)                       | If incompletely vaccinated or not vaccinated in childhood  |
| Immunocompromised people ≥18 years with haemopoietic stem cell transplant, solid organ transplant, haematological malignancy and advanced or untreated HIV | Shingles (Herpes Zoster)            | Shingrix (IM)                      | See AIH <sup>#</sup> for required doses and timing   |
| All people under 20 years of age   | Age-appropriate vaccine catch-up    | As supplied                        | Refugees and humanitarian entrants of any age are eligible for free catch-up vaccines  |
| Pregnant   | Influenza <sup>†</sup>              | As supplied                        | Influenza <sup>†</sup> : Any trimester   |
|  | Pertussis (whooping cough)          | Adacel or Boostrix (IM)            | Pertussis: Each pregnancy between 20-32 weeks  |
| Aboriginal <sup>‡</sup> ≥50 years  | Pneumococcal                        | Prevenar 13 then Pneumovax 23 (IM) | See AIH <sup>#</sup> for required doses and timing   |
|  | Shingles (Herpes Zoster)            | Shingrix (IM)                      |  |
| ≥ 65 years   | Influenza <sup>†</sup>              | As supplied                        | Administer annually  |
| ≥ 65 years   | Shingles (Herpes Zoster)            | Shingrix (IM)                      | See AIH <sup>#</sup> for required doses and timing   |
| From 70 years  | Pneumococcal                        | Prevenar 13 (IM)                   |  |

- The National Immunisation Program (NIP) provides the above routine vaccinations free to infants, children, adolescents and adults who have, or are eligible for a Medicare benefits.
- All people less than 20 years of age are eligible for NIP vaccines missed in childhood, except for HPV which is available free up to and including age 25.
- The number and range of vaccines and doses that are eligible for NIP funded catch-up is different for people aged less than 10 years and those aged 10–19.

- All refugees and humanitarian entrants of any age are eligible for the following vaccines if they were missed: diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, chickenpox, poliomyelitis, measles-mumps-rubella and hepatitis B as well as HPV (up to and including age 25). Refer to the Immunisation Handbook for timing of doses.

## Victorian Government funded immunisation program

The below vaccines are funded by the Victorian Government and are available to all Victorians including persons who are not eligible for Medicare benefits– see Immunisation schedule Victoria and vaccine eligibility criteria online.

| Disease                                 | Vaccine                                | Age/at risk conditions   |
|---|--|--|
| <b>Tuberculosis (BCG)</b>               | As supplied (ID)                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BCG for infants and children under 5 years of age travelling to TB endemic countries. See AIH# for BCG dosing and vaccination procedures.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Measles-mumps-rubella</b>            | As supplied (IM/SC)                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infants from 6 months and before 11 months of age prior to overseas travel. This dose is in addition to the scheduled MMR vaccine doses recommended at ages 12 (MMR) and 18 months (MMRV)</li> <li>Women planning pregnancy or after delivery</li> <li>People born during or since 1966</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Age-appropriate vaccine catch-up</b> | As supplied                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vulnerable citizens – a person who has experienced socioeconomic disadvantage that compromised their equitable access to the vaccine during their period of eligibility. Persons are vaccinated based on an individual assessment by an immunisation provider. See Immunisation schedule Victoria and vaccine eligibility criteria online for more information</li> </ul> |
| <b>Hepatitis B</b>                      | As supplied (paediatric or adult) (IM) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible people at risk - see Immunisation schedule Victoria and vaccine eligibility criteria online for more information</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Rabies</b>                           | As supplied                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian volunteer wildlife handlers working in a volunteer service in Victoria for the initial course of pre-exposure rabies vaccine</li> <li>Post exposure treatment for rabies or Australian Bat Lyssavirus</li> <li>See Immunisation schedule Victoria and vaccine eligibility criteria online for more information</li> </ul>                                      |

**\*IPD:** Invasive pneumococcal disease. **#AIH:** Online Australian Immunisation Handbook. **\*Influenza:** For information on age-appropriate vaccines or specified medical risk conditions refer to the AIH# or the annual ATAGI advice on seasonal Influenza vaccines. **#Aboriginal:** The term Aboriginal is inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people.

### Further information

The Australian Immunisation Handbook: <https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au>

Immunisation schedule Victoria and vaccine eligibility criteria: <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/immunisation-schedule-victoria-and-vaccine-eligibility-criteria>

Ordering vaccines: <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/ordering-vaccines>

Cold chain management: <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/cold-chain-management>

Australian Immunisation Register: 1800 653 809

SAEFVIC – Victoria’s vaccine safety service: 1300 882 924 #1

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