

# Victorian catch-up vaccination guidelines for 10 years and older

Information for immunisation providers

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## Eligibility for funded vaccines

All vaccines listed in the [National Immunisation Program \(NIP\) Schedule](#) are free. Eligibility for NIP funded vaccines is linked to [eligibility for Medicare benefits](#).

- [Catch-up immunisations](#) are NIP funded for all people up to 20 years of age (and people aged 25 years and under who have missed human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination).
- Refugees and humanitarian entrants aged 20 years and over are eligible for the following vaccines if they were missed. Refer to the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#) (the handbook) for timing of doses.
  - Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis
  - Measles-mumps-rubella
  - Varicella (chickenpox)
  - Hepatitis B
  - Poliomyelitis
  - HPV (up to and including age 25)
- [NIP funded schedules](#) are recommended for people with certain medical conditions that increase risk for severe disease for the following vaccines. Refer to the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#) for timing of doses (schedules not included in these tables).
  - Pneumococcal
  - Influenza
  - Meningococcal
  - Zoster (shingles)
  - Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)
  - HPV

Additional vaccines for people aged 20 years and over are funded under the [Victorian Immunisation schedule](#).

## How to read the tables in the catch-up guideline

These guidelines have been developed to assist immunisation providers develop a catch-up plan for people aged 10 years and over. The [National Immunisation Catch-up Calculator](#) includes catch-up recommendations for all infants, children, and adolescents under 20 years of age including people who may have one or more medical at-risk conditions (as defined in the Australian Immunisation Handbook), and those who may have received one or more vaccinations overseas. Always refer to the principles contained within the Australian Immunisation Handbook.

- The 1st visit refers to the day the first vaccinations are given as a catch-up.
- Intervals refers to the minimum time interval required between the doses of vaccines.
- Current age refers to the age at presentation used to guide choice of the correct vaccine and schedule.
- Refer to Table 1 for antigen and the vaccine brands used in these guidelines which are funded under the NIP.

**Table 1. Antigens and vaccine brands**

Antigen(s) (abbreviation)	Vaccine brands®
Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa)	Boostrix or Adacel
Poliomyelitis (IPV)	IPOL
Hepatitis B (Hep B)	H-B-Vax II Adult/Paediatric or Engerix B Adult/Paediatric
Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR)	M-M-R-II or Priorix
Varicella	Varivax
Meningococcal ACWY	Nimenrix MenQuadfi (adolescent vaccination program)
Human papillomavirus (HPV)	Gardasil 9
Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13 (13vPCV) Pneumovax 23 (23vPPV) – maximum of two lifetime doses
Influenza	Annually as supplied. See recommendations from the <a href="#">Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI)</a> .
Zoster (shingles)	Shingrix

### Translating immunisation records

Refer to the following links to assist translating overseas immunisation records:

- [Foreign language terms](#)
- [Quick Chart of Vaccine-Preventable Disease Terms in Multiple Languages](#)

Encourage clients to provide a translated immunisation history if the original record is not in English. Eligible people may be referred to Department of Home Affairs' [Free Translating Service](#) to have their immunisation records translated by an accredited translator free of charge.

**Table 2. Standard vaccination catch-up recommendations for healthy people aged 10 – 19 years**

Adapted from the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#), and the [National Immunisation Program schedule](#) July 2024.

Vaccine		Doses required	Min. interval between dose 1 and 2	Min. interval between dose 2 and 3	Notes
Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (dTpa)		3 doses	4 weeks	4 weeks	Booster dose of dTpa is offered in Year 7 school program (12-13 years)
Poliomyelitis (IPV)		3 doses	4 weeks	4 weeks	
Hepatitis B <sup>1</sup> (Hep B)	10-19 years*	3 paediatric doses	1 month	2 - 3 <sup>^</sup> months	* The age groups overlap - this is an either/or, not both. <sup>^</sup> Minimum interval between dose 1 & 3 is 4 months (however, optimum dose schedule is 0, 1 & 6 months)
	11-15 years*	2 adult doses	4 months	Not required	
Measles, mumps, rubella - MMR <sup>1</sup>		2 doses	4 weeks	Not required	
Meningococcal ACWY <sup>2</sup>	15-19 years	1 dose	Not required	Not required	Men ACWY is offered in Year 10 school program (14 -16 years)
Varicella <sup>1</sup>	< 14 years	1 dose	Not required	Not required	1 dose funded under NIP for people <14 years
	≥ 14 years	2 doses	4 weeks	Not required	2 doses funded under NIP for people ≥ 14 years. MMRV combined vaccine is not recommended for use in people ≥ 14 years
Human papillomavirus <sup>2</sup> (HPV)	9-25 years (inc.)	1 dose	Not required	Not required	Single dose NIP funded for people 9 - 25 years of age. Offered in Year 7 school program (12 –13 years)

<sup>1</sup>Consider serology to assess for MMR, varicella and Hep B immunity.

<sup>2</sup> See [NIP schedule](#) for Meningococcal ACWY/B, Pneumococcal, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), and HPV are recommended for people with certain medical risk conditions.

[NIP schedule](#) for seasonal influenza vaccine is available for the people at higher risk of complications from influenza.

**Table 3. National Immunisation Program and Victorian funded vaccines for people aged ≥ 20 years - no immunisation records**

Adapted from the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#), the [National Immunisation Program schedule](#) and [Victorian Immunisation schedule](#) July 2024

Vaccine eligibility	Vaccine to give at 1 <sup>st</sup> visit	2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	3 <sup>rd</sup> visit	4 <sup>th</sup> visit
		1 month after 1 <sup>st</sup> visit	1 month after 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	3 months after 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit
20 years to 25 years	HPV <sup>1</sup>			
Refugees & asylum seekers <sup>1</sup>	dTpa + IPV + MMR + Varicella + Hep B	dTpa + IPV + MMR + Varicella + Hep B	dTpa + IPV	Hep B - Minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 3 is 4 months
Vulnerable citizens	dTpa + IPV + MMR + Hep B	dTpa + IPV + MMR + Hep B	dTpa + IPV	Hep B - Minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 3 is 4 months
People at risk of hepatitis B infection <sup>1</sup>	Hep B	Hep B		Hep B - Minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 3 is 4 months
Born ≥ 1966 without evidence of 2 doses measles containing vaccine or immunity <sup>1</sup>	MMR	MMR		
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people ≥ 50 years	13vPCV	23vPPV ≥12 months after 13vPCV	23vPPV ≥ 5 years later after previous 23vPPV	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people ≥ 50 years	Zoster (Shingrix <sup>®</sup> )		Zoster (Shingrix <sup>®</sup> ) dose 2 ≥ 2-6 months apart in immunocompetent adults <sup>2</sup>	
Non-Indigenous ≥ 65 years				
From 70 years – non-Indigenous adults	13vPCV			

<sup>1</sup>Consider serology to assess for MMR, varicella and Hep B immunity

<sup>2</sup>See [NIP schedule](#) for Meningococcal ACWY/B, Pneumococcal, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), HPV and Zoster are recommended for people with certain medical risk conditions.

[NIP schedule](#) for seasonal influenza vaccine is available for people at higher risk of complications from influenza. Pregnant women - single dose pertussis vaccine is recommended in each pregnancy, ideally between 20–32 weeks, but may be given up until delivery. Influenza vaccine recommended in each pregnancy, at any stage of pregnancy.

## Immunisation Catch-Up Worksheet ≥ 10 years

Date plan created \_\_\_\_\_ Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_

Medicare Number  Reference Number beside name

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccine	Last dose given (dose number and date)	Number of doses needed at current age	Dose number due now	Further doses (interval or date)			
				Comments			
Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis - dTpa							
Poliovirus – IPV							
Hepatitis B							
Measles, mumps, rubella - MMR							
Varicella (chickenpox)							
HPV							
Meningococcal ACWY							
Pneumococcal 13							
Zoster (Shingles)							
Pneumococcal 23 (risk)							
Meningococcal B (risk)							

Refer to Tables 2 & 3 and the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#), for required doses.

## Resources

Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI), [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#), Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care, Canberra.

<<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/the-australian-immunisation-handbook?language=en>>

Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI), [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#), [Catch up vaccination](#), Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care, Canberra.

<<https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/catch-up-vaccination>>

Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI), [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#), [Vaccination for migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia](#), Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care, Canberra.

<<https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/vaccination-for-special-risk-groups/vaccination-for-migrants-refugees-and-people-seeking-asylum-in-australia>>

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World Health Organisation, [Immunisation schedules in other countries](#)

[https://immunizationdata.who.int/global/wiise-detail-page/vaccination-schedule-for-country\\_name](https://immunizationdata.who.int/global/wiise-detail-page/vaccination-schedule-for-country_name)

Immunize.Org, [Quick chart of Vaccine Preventable Disease terms in Multiple Languages](#)

<<https://www.immunize.org/wp-content/uploads/catg.d/p5122.pdf>>

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