

# Victorian Immunisation schedule April 2026

This schedule is intended as a guide only. For complete and authoritative information, refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook (AIH).

## National Immunisation Program schedule - Infants and children

Age	Disease	Vaccine	Notes
<b>Birth</b>	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
<b>2 months (from 6 weeks)</b>	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, poliomyelitis-hepatitis B- <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	Infanrix <i>hexa</i> (IM) or Vaxelis (IM)	Infanrix <i>hexa</i> - must be reconstituted by adding the pre-filled syringe contents to the vial.
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 20 (IM)	
	Rotavirus	Rotarix (Oral)	Rotarix: Dose 1 limited to 6-14 weeks of age Minimum intervals apply – see AIH <sup>#</sup>
<b>Aboriginal<sup>‡</sup></b>	Meningococcal B	Bexsero (IM)	Bexsero: Prophylactic paracetamol recommended– see AIH <sup>#</sup> . Catch up available for Aboriginal <sup>‡</sup> children <2 years
<b>4 months</b>	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, poliomyelitis-hepatitis B- <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	Infanrix <i>hexa</i> (IM) or Vaxelis (IM)	Infanrix <i>hexa</i> - must be reconstituted by adding the pre-filled syringe contents to the vial.
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 20 (IM)	
	Rotavirus	Rotarix (Oral)	Rotarix: Dose 2 limited to 10-24 weeks of age Minimum intervals apply – see AIH <sup>#</sup>
<b>Aboriginal<sup>‡</sup></b>	Meningococcal B	Bexsero (IM)	Bexsero: Prophylactic paracetamol recommended– see AIH <sup>#</sup> . Catch up available for Aboriginal <sup>‡</sup> children <2 years
<b>6 months</b>	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-poliomyelitis-hepatitis B- <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	Infanrix <i>hexa</i> (IM) or Vaxelis (IM)	Minimum intervals apply – see AIH <sup>#</sup> Infanrix <i>hexa</i> - must be reconstituted by adding the pre-filled syringe contents to the vial.
<b>Aboriginal<sup>‡</sup></b>	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 20 (IM)	Additional funded dose of Prevenar 20 for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander infants, medically at-risk infants for IPD* – see AIH <sup>#</sup>
<b>6 months to &lt;5 years (annually)</b>	Influenza <sup>†</sup>	As supplied	Administer annually. When receiving influenza vaccine for the first time, healthy children aged 6 months to <2years and those with a medical risk condition aged 6 months to <9 years should receive 2 doses given 4 weeks apart.
<b>12 months</b>	Measles-mumps-rubella	Priorix or M-M-R II (IM/SC)	
	Meningococcal ACWY	Nimenrix (IM)	
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 20 (IM)	

<b>Aboriginal<sup>†</sup></b>	Meningococcal B	Bexsero (IM)	Bexsero: Prophylactic paracetamol recommended– see AIH <sup>#</sup> . Catch up available for Aboriginal <sup>†</sup> children <2 years
<b>18 months</b>	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)	
<b>4 years</b>	Diphtheria-tetanus- pertussis-poliomyelitis	Infanrix IPV or Quadracel (IM)	
<b>≥ 5 years with at-risk condition (annually)</b>	Influenza <sup>†</sup>	As supplied	Administer annually. When receiving influenza vaccine for the first time, healthy children aged 6 months to <2years and those with a medical risk condition aged 6 months to <9 years should receive 2 doses given 4 weeks apart.
<b>Aboriginal<sup>†</sup> ≥ 5 years (annually)</b>			

## National Immunisation Program schedule - Adolescents, adults & at-risk

Age	Disease	Vaccine	Notes
<b>Aboriginal<sup>†</sup> (annually)</b>	Influenza <sup>†</sup>	As supplied	Administer annually
<b>People with at risk conditions (annually)</b>	Influenza <sup>†</sup>	As supplied	Administer annually
<b>Year 7 (or age equivalent)</b>	Human papillomavirus (HPV)	Gardasil 9 (IM)	HPV: Single dose recommended. Not required if previously received. Catch-up for dose missed available up to 20 years (HPV up to 26 years)
	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis	Adacel or Boostrix (IM)	
<b>Year 10 (or age equivalent)</b>	Meningococcal ACWY	MenQuadfi (IM)	Catch-up for dose missed available up to 20 years
<b>People with new diagnosis risk conditions for IPD* 12 months to &lt;18 years</b>	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 20	See AIH <sup>#</sup> for conditions Single dose Prevenar 20 at diagnosis
<b>People with new diagnosis risk conditions for IPD* 18 years and older</b>	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13 then Pneumovax 23 (IM)	See AIH <sup>#</sup> for risk conditions, vaccine doses and timing
<b>All people with asplenia, hyposplenia, Complement deficiency/ complement inhibitor treatment</b>	Meningococcal ACWY	Nimenrix (IM)	See AIH <sup>#</sup> for required doses and timing
	Meningococcal B	Bexsero (IM)	
<b>&gt;5 years with asplenia or hyposplenia</b>	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (HiB)	Act-HIB (IM)	If incompletely vaccinated or not vaccinated in childhood
<b>People ≥18 years at increased risk of herpes zoster due to underlying conditions or immunosuppressive treatments</b>	Shingles (Herpes Zoster)	Shingrix (IM)	See AIH <sup>#</sup> for required doses, timing and NIP funding for risk groups recommended for vaccine
<b>People &lt; 20 years of age</b>	Age-appropriate NIP vaccine catch-up	As supplied	See AIH <sup>#</sup> for age-appropriate schedules

<b>Refugees, humanitarian entrants of any age</b>	Age-appropriate NIP vaccine catch-up		See AIH# for age-appropriate schedules
<b>Pregnant people</b>	Influenza†	As supplied	Influenza†: Any trimester
	Pertussis (whooping cough)	Adacel or Boostrix (IM)	Pertussis: Each pregnancy between 20-32 weeks gestation
	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Abrysvo (IM)	RSV: each pregnancy from 28 weeks gestation
<b>Aboriginal‡ ≥50 years</b>	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13 then Pneumovax 23 (IM)	See AIH# for required doses and timing
	Shingles (Herpes Zoster)	Shingrix (IM)	
<b>Aboriginal‡ ≥60 years</b>	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Arexvy (IM)	
<b>People ≥ 65 years</b>	Influenza†	As supplied	Administer annually
<b>People ≥ 65 years</b>	Shingles (Herpes Zoster)	Shingrix (IM)	See AIH# for required doses and timing
<b>People from 70 years</b>	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13 (IM)	
<b>People ≥ 75 years</b>	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Arexvy (IM)	

- The National Immunisation Programme (NIP) provides free vaccines to infants, children, adolescents, and adults eligible for Medicare.
- Individuals < 20 years can receive catch-up NIP vaccines missed in childhood, except HPV, which is free up to age 25.
- Refugees and humanitarian entrants of any age are eligible for catch-up vaccines for: diphtheria–tetanus–pertussis, varicella, poliomyelitis, measles–mumps–rubella, hepatitis B, and HPV (up to age 25).
- The number and type of catch-up doses vary by age. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for details.

## Victorian Government funded immunisation programs

This information is provided as a general guide only. Vaccine funding and eligibility criteria are determined by the Victorian Government and may change over time. For the most current and detailed information, refer to the **Victorian Immunisation Schedule** and the **Australian Immunisation Handbook (AIH)**.

Disease	Vaccine	Age/at risk conditions
<b>Tuberculosis (BCG)</b>	As supplied (ID)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BCG for infants &amp; children under 5 years of age travelling to TB endemic countries. See AIH# for 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>• People born during or since 1966 without documented evidence of 2 valid doses or serological immunity</li> </ul>
<b>Age-appropriate NIP 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. See AIH# for required doses and schedule</li> </ul>

<b>Hepatitis B</b>	As supplied (paediatric or adult) (IM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible people at risk – Refer to the Victorian Immunisation schedule and vaccine eligibility criteria online</li> </ul>
<b>Japanese encephalitis</b>	As supplied	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible people at risk – refer to Department of Health Japanese encephalitis and vaccine eligibility criteria online</li> </ul>
<b>Mpox</b>	JYNNEOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible people at risk – refer to Department of Health Mpox and vaccine eligibility criteria online</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 AIH<sup>#</sup> for required doses and schedule</li> </ul>
<b>Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)</b>	<b>Immunisation product -</b> Monoclonal antibody Beyfortus™ (nirsevimab) (IM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available during Victoria’s RSV season - April to September</li> <li>Refer to Department of Health RSV immunisation and the AIH<sup>#</sup> RSV chapter – newborn, infants, and children with risk conditions for RSV disease</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<sup>#</sup> 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>

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

**Shingles vaccination:** <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/national-immunisation-program-shingles-vaccination-program-advice-for-health-professionals-september-2024?language=en>

**RSV immunisation:** <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/respiratory-syncytial-virus-immunisation>

**Japanese encephalitis:** <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/infectious-diseases/japanese-encephalitis>

**Mpox:** <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/infectious-diseases/mpox-monkeypox>

**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:** <https://www.safevac.org.au/Home/Info/VIC>

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