

Did you know?

Immunisations are a simple and safe way of protecting you and your family against certain diseases.

Immunisations are important for the whole community, not just for babies and children. It is important for adults to be aware of the immunisations available on the SA Immunisation Schedule.

Immunisations not only protect you, they also protect others. They help stop the spread of diseases in the community.

This pamphlet identifies immunisations that are recommended through different stages of your life outlining a whole of life immunisation plan.

Some immunisations recommended for adults are not free. Please check your private health insurance as they may cover some of the costs of vaccines.



**Riverland Division
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For more information about immunisation



Ask your GP



Visit the Immunise Australia website at
www.immunise.health.gov.au



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Immunisation

Are you and your family up to date?



Age Group	What Disease	Free
Birth	Hepatitis B	Yes
2 Months	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertusis (Whooping Cough), Inactivated Polio, Haemophilus Influenza Type B, Hepatitis B, Pneumococcal, Oral Rotavirus	Yes
4 Months	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertusis (Whooping Cough), Inactivated Polio, Haemophilus Influenza Type B, Hepatitis B, Pneumococcal, Oral Rotavirus	Yes
6 Months	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertusis (Whooping Cough), Inactivated Polio, Haemophilus Influenza Type B, Hepatitis B, Pneumococcal, Oral Rotavirus	Yes
12 Months	Haemophilus Influenza Type B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Meningococcal C	Yes
18 Months	Varicella (Chicken Pox) Hepatitis A (ATSI Only)	Yes
2 Years (ATSI Only)	Pneumococcal, Hepatitis A	Yes
4 Years	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertusis (Whooping Cough), Inactivated Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella	Yes

Adolescent / Adult Schedule		
Ongoing School Program Year 8	Hepatitis B, Varicella (Chicken Pox), Human Papillomavirus (Cervical Cancer Female Students Only)	Yes
Ongoing School Program Year 9	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertusis (Whooping Cough)	Yes
Females aged 18-45 Years	Human Papillomavirus (Cervical Cancer)	No
Born Between 1966-1980	Measles, Mumps, Rubella	No
All Individuals	Varicella (Chicken Pox - For individuals who have never had chicken pox)	No
All Pregnant Women, ATSI 15 yrs and over and Medically at Risk	Influenza	Yes
65yrs and over Aboriginal People 50yrs and over	Influenza, Pneumococcal (Single Dose repeat 5 Years Later)	Yes
60yrs-79yrs	Zoster (Shingles - For individuals that have <u>not</u> had the chicken pox vaccine)	No
All Individuals over 50yrs, planning a pregnancy or have regular contact with babies and young children	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertusis (Whooping Cough)	No

Influenza is available to all individuals that don't fit into the above criteria at a cost.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to start the schedule again if I miss any vaccine dose?

No, there is no need to repeat any doses already received.

What other immunisations are available?

Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B are recommended to a large sector of the community particularly individuals working in high risk areas (police, health workers).

Who should get the annual flu vaccination?

Any person who wishes to reduce the likelihood of becoming ill with influenza. It is highly recommended for pregnant women, the elderly and people with chronic health conditions.

Do I need to get a tetanus vaccination every 10 years?

No, but you may need one after a tetanus prone wound.

Do adults need to have a whooping cough booster?

Yes, adults that have not had a booster dose may catch this disease and pass it on to infants. Whooping cough can be fatal in young children and babies. All individuals at 50yrs, planning a pregnancy or have regular contact with babies and young children should be immunised.

What is Medically at Risk (MAR)?

People with chronic illness or conditions for example, people with a cardiac disease, bronchiectasis, diabetes, chronic renal failure.