



Vaccine Update 490 - FluMist, Immunisation in Residential Aged Care webinar, latest updates to AIH

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webinar, and latest updates to the Australian
Immunisation Handbook

2026 WA Influenza Nasal Spray Vaccination Program

The 2026 WA Influenza Nasal Spray Vaccination Program provides a free influenza nasal spray vaccine (FluMist®) for eligible children aged 2 to 11 years, giving parents and caregivers a needle-free option for influenza vaccination.

Many parents in Western Australia (WA) are reporting 'no' or 'minimal' distress before, during or after FluMist vaccination, and describing the experience as "less distressing" and "less painful" for their children.

Weekly ordering of FluMist is currently available via [Onelink](#). Check your 'Order History' in the Onelink portal for the date of your last order; you can order again 7 days from that date.

It is anticipated there will be sufficient quantities of vaccine for all people eligible for a government-funded influenza vaccination in WA. The first batch of FluMist will not expire until 10 July and doses ordered now expire on 16 July.

Please ensure you are ordering the amount required so that FluMist can be administered to all eligible persons.

2026 Immunisation in Residential Aged Care Homes webinar

The Communicable Disease Control Directorate (CDCD) Immunisation Program and the WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) invite WA immunisation providers, including but not limited to general practice, community pharmacy services, and residential aged care services to attend the 2026 Immunisation in Residential Aged Care Homes (RACH) webinar.

The session will provide an overview of the National Immunisation Program (NIP) and WA Immunisation Schedule, relevant diseases, the Aged Care Act, resources and support for immunisation and Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) information.

Date: Thursday 11 June 2026

When: 09.30am - 12.00pm AWST

Where: Online via MS Teams.

RSVP by: COB Wednesday 10 June 2026 to receive a confirmation email from Humanitix with a MS Teams meeting link. You will need to save this email/link to your calendar.

All attendees must register to receive a certificate post event. There is a maximum of 1 ticket per order, and so please register individually by clicking [here](#). You are invited to circulate this email any relevant colleagues who may be interested in attending.

Updates to disease chapters in the *Australian Immunisation Handbook*

The [respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\) chapter](#) of the *Australian Immunisation Handbook* (AIH) was updated on 12 May 2026, including:

- information to reflect the expansion of the national RSV program to include RSV vaccine Arexvy for older adults aged ≥ 75 years and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults aged ≥ 60 years
- clarification on timing of RSV-specific monoclonal antibodies in infants and co-administration in older adults
- editorial changes to simplify the timing of RSV vaccination during pregnancy
- data on effectiveness and efficacy of Arexvy RSV vaccine in older adults.
- [clinical guidance on RSV immunisation product administration errors](#).

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