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Western Australian Aboriginal Immunisation Schedule

Always refer to online Immunisation Schedule for the most up-to-date information

Childhood

Age/Eligibility	Antigen/Antibody	Brand(s)	Important information
Birth to <7 days	RSV	Beyfortus®*	Infants in the Kimberley and Pilbara are eligible for immunisation year-round if the mother was not vaccinated with Abrysvo at least 2 weeks before birth. Can be given up to 8 months of age, but preferably as close to birth as possible. Catch up immunisations available for children up to 2 years of age. Refer to RSV decision aid.
	Hepatitis B	H-B-Vax® II Paed or Engerix®B Paed	
6–8 weeks	DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib	Infanrix® hexa or Vaxelis®	
	20vPCV	Prevenar® 20	
	Rotavirus	Rotarix®	Oral dose 1: Must be given by 14 weeks of age
	MenACWY*	Nimenrix®	
	MenB	Bexsero®	Prophylactic paracetamol recommended
4 months	DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib	Infanrix® hexa or Vaxelis®	
	20vPCV	Prevenar® 20	
	Rotavirus	Rotarix®	Oral dose 2: Must be given by 24 weeks of age
	MenACWY*	Nimenrix®	
	MenB	Bexsero®	Prophylactic paracetamol recommended
6 months	DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib	Infanrix® hexa or Vaxelis®	
	20vPCV	Prevenar® 20	
MRC	MenB	Bexsero®	Prophylactic paracetamol recommended
	MenACWY	Nimenrix®	
12 months	MMR	Priorix® or M-M-R II®	The 2 brands of MMR vaccine are interchangeable
	20vPCV	Prevenar® 20	See Childhood pneumococcal vaccination decision aid
	MenACWY	Nimenrix®	
	MenB	Bexsero®	Prophylactic paracetamol recommended
	RSV	Beyfortus®*	Refer to RSV decision aid
MRC	Hepatitis B	H-B-Vax® II Paed or Engerix® B Paed	<32 weeks gestation or <2000g birth weight
All children >12 months with MRC	**Children with specified MRC at >12 months of age require 1 dose of Prevenar 20 at diagnosis. See Australian Immunisation Handbook**		
18 months	DTPa	Infanrix® or Tripacel®	
	Hib	Act-HIB®	
	MMRV	Priorix-Tetra®	Do not administer MMRV as dose 1 of a measles-containing vaccine if <4 years of age
	Hepatitis A	Vaqta® Paed/Adol (0.5mL)	
<2 years	Catch-up for MenB is available for Aboriginal children <2 years of age		
4 years	DTPa-IPV	Quadracel® or Infanrix®IPV	

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Childhood (continued)

Age/Eligibility	Antigen/Antibody	Brand(s)	Important information
	Hepatitis A	Vaqta® Paed/Adol (0.5mL)	Not required if previously received 2 doses (first dose at age ≥12 months) at least 6 months apart
	20vPCV	Prevenar® 20	See here for childhood pneumococcal vaccination decision aid

Adolescent and adult

Age/Eligibility		Antigen	Vaccine brand(s)	Important information
All adolescents and adults with MRC		**All children and adolescents aged over 12 months to under 18 years with specified MRC should receive 1 dose of Prevenar 20 at diagnosis. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for details**		
Year 7		HPV	Gardasil®9	Catch-up for adolescents <26 years of age
		dTpa	Adacel® or Boostrix®	Catch-up for adolescents <20 years of age
Year 10		MenACWY	MenQuadfi	Catch-up for adolescents <20 years of age
≥18 years	**MRC**	Herpes-zoster	Shingrix®	2 doses, given 1–2 months apart
		21vPCV	Capvaxive®	People who have previously received a dose of any pneumococcal vaccine are recommended to receive 21vPCV at least 12 months after last dose. See the Australian Immunisation Handbook for timing of doses
		COVID-19	Comirnaty®	Specifically for those with severe immunocompromise. 1 dose every 12 months.
Pregnant		dTpa	Adacel® or Boostrix®	Each pregnancy, ideally between 20–32 weeks
		RSV	Abrysvo®	Each pregnancy, from 28 weeks gestation. Refer to RSV decision aid
		Influenza	Vaxigrip®, Flucelvax®	Each pregnancy, any trimester
≥20 years		Hepatitis B	Engerix® B	For non-immune persons. See the Australian Immunisation Handbook for recommendations and timing of doses
≥25 years		21vPCV	Capvaxive®	People who have previously received a dose of any pneumococcal vaccine are recommended to receive 21vPCV at least 12 months after last dose. See the Australian Immunisation Handbook for timing of doses

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Age/Eligibility	Antigen	Vaccine brand(s)	Important information
≥50 years	Herpes-zoster	Shingrix®	2 doses, given 2–6 months apart
50 to <60 years vulnerable individuals*	RSV	Arexvy®	Refer to WA RSV VOA program decision aid
50-<75 years	COVID-19	Comirnaty®	1 dose every 12 months
≥60 years	RSV	Arexvy®	Refer to WA RSV VOA program decision aid
≥75 years	COVID-19	Comirnaty®	1 dose every 6 months
Born after 1965*	MMR	Priorix® or M-M-R II®	Give 1 or 2 doses as required. Whilst serology is not routinely recommended, see WA adult measles vaccination program for details. The 2 brands of MMR vaccine are interchangeable

2026 influenza vaccination programs for Aboriginal people

Age/Eligibility	Vaccine brand(s)	Important information
6 months to <5 years	Vaxigrip®	As per the Australian Immunisation Handbook, a single annual dose of influenza vaccine is recommended for most people. The exception is that 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart are recommended for: • children aged 6 months to <2 years receiving influenza vaccine for the first time • children aged 6 months to <9 years with a medical risk condition receiving influenza vaccine for the first time • people of any age receiving influenza vaccine for the first time after haematopoietic stem cell, solid organ transplant or CAR T-cell therapy. For information on dosing see the Australian Immunisation Handbook
5 years to <65 years	• Vaxigrip® • Flucelvax®	
Pregnancy	• Vaxigrip® • Flucelvax®	Each pregnancy, any trimester
≥65 years	Fluad®	

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2026 regional WA diphtheria outbreak vaccination program

Age/Eligibility	Antigen	Vaccine brand	Important information
Children and adolescents as per the National Immunisation Program (NIP)	DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib, DTPa-IPV, DTPa or dTpa	See childhood and adolescent schedule points for age-appropriate vaccine brands	Children and adolescents eligible for vaccines under the NIP (including School-Based Immunisation Program) who are not up to date with their scheduled diphtheria-containing vaccines. See information below on vaccination of cases and contacts.
Aboriginal people residing in WA	dTpa	Boostrix®* or Adacel® (as appropriate for age)	Eligible for a booster if more than 5 years since the last diphtheria-containing vaccine and not currently due a dose under the NIP. See information below on vaccination of cases and contacts.

Vaccination of diphtheria cases

Vaccination during recovery: Age-appropriate diphtheria-containing vaccine booster if it has been more than 12 months since their last dose. Unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated people should commence a primary or catch-up course as per Australian Immunisation Handbook guidance. Vaccination should be delayed for 4 weeks from date of administration if diphtheria antitoxin (DAT) has been given.

Vaccination of diphtheria contacts

High or medium risk contact: Age-appropriate diphtheria-containing vaccine booster if it has been more than 12 months since their last dose. Note: It is safe to provide a booster vaccination with a diphtheria-containing vaccine in a shorter timeframe than recommended if necessary (that is, a booster can be provided if it is uncertain when the last dose was given). Unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated people should commence a primary catch up course as per Australian Immunisation Handbook guidance

Low risk contact: Age-appropriate diphtheria-containing vaccine booster if it has been more than 5 years since their last dose. Unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated people should commence a primary or catch-up course as per the Australian Immunisation Handbook guidance.

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Using the term Aboriginal

Within Western Australia, the term Aboriginal is used in preference to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, in recognition that Aboriginal people are the original inhabitants of Western Australia. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander may be referred to in the national context and Indigenous may be referred to in the international context. No disrespect is intended to our Torres Strait Islander colleagues and community.

References

* Refers to WA State-funded Programs.

MRC refers to people with medical risk conditions. Refer to the current online edition of Australian Immunisation Handbook for all medical risk conditions, recommendations and timing of doses.

Persons aged <20 years can catch-up scheduled vaccines, refer to Australian Immunisation Handbook for timing of doses.

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