



Immunisation
protects
all our kids



- **Community immunity helps protect everyone.**
- **Make sure you vaccinate your child on time.**



Immunisation saves lives.

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Protect yourself and your community

When your child is immunised you are protecting them as well as helping to protect the whole community.

When enough children are immunised, it is more difficult for these diseases to spread.

Current vaccination rates are nearly 95%, but we need to do more to protect all our kids.

Critically, there are some areas where the vaccination rate is lower and this is putting lives at risk, particularly newborn babies.

Immunisation in Australia

Vaccines prevent serious illness, disability and death and are important for the person being vaccinated and the whole community.

The Australian Government provides routine childhood vaccinations free through the National Immunisation Program.

Vaccinate on time

For the best protection, your child needs to receive every vaccine on time, every time.

Vaccinating on time is really important to keep kids, siblings, family members and the community protected.

The timing of each dose of every vaccine is very important and is carefully chosen to best protect your child and other children.

Following the childhood immunisation schedule is important—you can find this at the website immunisationfacts.gov.au

Children commonly get colds and mild fevers. Most times it is okay to vaccinate when your child is mildly unwell. If you are in doubt, talk to your GP or nurse.

Set a reminder to book your child's next immunisation appointment.

If your child is overdue, catching up is important. Contact your GP or vaccination provider now.

Recording vaccinations

Keep records of your child's vaccinations (through their personal record as well as asking the doctor to report information to the Australian Immunisation Register).

You can access your child's immunisation statement at any time by visiting: Medicare Online Services at the Australian Immunisation Register website (humanservices.gov.au).

Vaccines are safe

"All vaccines available in Australia have been thoroughly tested for both safety and efficacy, and are of high quality."

Like all medications, vaccines can cause reactions.

Common side effects are usually mild and go away within a few days, without medical treatment. If you are concerned, always speak to your doctor or nurse.”

- Professor Ian Frazer AC Immunologist, Australian of the Year, and co-creator of the cancer preventing human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine

Immunisation prevents serious diseases

All childhood diseases we vaccinate against can cause serious illness, including death.

Immunisation is a safe and effective way of giving protection against these diseases.

In Australia, with the high rate of vaccination, illness and death from these diseases are now rare. Let's keep it that way.

Fast facts

- Immunisation saves lives.
- Vaccines strengthen your child's immune system.
- All childhood diseases we vaccinate against can cause serious illness, including death.
- Nearly 95% of five-year-old children in Australia are vaccinated—however some areas have lower rates of immunisation which puts everyone at risk.
- All vaccines available in Australia have been thoroughly tested for safety and effectiveness and are continually monitored and evaluated.
- Skipping or delaying vaccinations puts your child and those around you at risk of contracting serious diseases.
- Immunisation is a safe and effective way of giving protection against diseases such as whooping cough and measles.

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