

Catch-up immunisation for adults, children and refugee populations

19 March 2024

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Measles alert for Melbourne Airport and plane passengers

A new case of measles has been identified in a returned overseas traveller who transited through Melbourne Airport. See Victoria Department of Health – Measles Alert for Melbourne Airport and Plane Passengers for more information.

21 December

Shortage of Bicillin L-A (benzathine benzylpenicillin tetrahydrate) prefilled syringe for injection

Pfizer Australia advises that shortages of both strengths of Bicillin L-A (benzathine benzylpenicillin tetrahydrate) prefilled syringes for injection (600,000 units per syringe and 1.2 million units per syringe) will continue into 2024. Read more.

20 December

Increase in cryptosporidiosis cases across Victoria

There has been an increase in cryptosporidiosis (crypto) cases in Victoria. Health professionals should consider cryptosporidiosis in people presenting with gastroenteritis, especially if they have recently used a public swimming pool.

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Buruli ulcer is spreading

Buruli ulcer is spreading across Victoria, and possums and mosquitos bites are playing a role in transmission. See [Buruli ulcer information and resources for clinicians](#). Cases must be notified to the Department of Health. [Read more...](#)

26 September

New measles case in Victoria

A new case of measles has been identified in a returned overseas traveller, who attended a site in Melbourne on 20 September while infectious. Suspected cases should be tested, advised to isolate and notified to the Department of Health. [Read more...](#)

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Listeriosis – advice for people at risk

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
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- **Reduce variation in care**
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Assessment

- Consider **No Jab No Pay** (federal government) and **No Jab No Play** (Victorian state government) policies.
- Assess immunisation requirements based on:
 - Age:
 - 6 weeks to 4 years: [National Immunisation Program Schedule for non-Indigenous people](#)
 - 6 weeks to 4 years: [National Immunisation Program Schedule for Indigenous people](#)
 - Preterm infants < 37 weeks gestational age
 - Risk group or social situation
 - Planned overseas travel
- Determine the patient's **vaccination history** to ensure correct vaccines are administered.
 - Check:
 - [The Australian Immunisation Register \(AIR\)](#)
 - Patient's records, including Green Book
 - Previous provider's records
 - For incomplete or overdue vaccinations, build on the previous documented doses and do not start the schedule again.
 - Gaps between vaccines are minimum recommendations. See also [Australian Immunisation Handbook guidance](#).
- Determine if catch-up vaccination is required:
 - To plan a catch-up schedule, use the [catch-up worksheet](#) in the Immunisation Handbook.
 - For assistance, phone the Department of Health and Human Services Immunisation Section on 1300-882-008.
- Identify contraindications:
 - Complete the [pre-vaccination screening checklist](#) and respond to any relevant conditions or circumstances as outlined in the [response table](#).
 - Absolute contraindications to vaccination include:
 - temporary causes e.g., acute febrile illness (current temp > 38.5° C)
 - permanent causes, e.g., anaphylaxis following a previous dose of the relevant vaccine, or to a component of the vaccine.
 - Live virus vaccines** are contraindicated in immunocompromised people. See the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#) for vaccination recommendations based on the immunocompromising condition.
 - If doubt exists about the nature of the adverse reaction and whether the vaccine can be re-administered, contact the Department of Health and Human Services Immunisation Section on 1300-882-008.

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
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Management

- Be prepared:
 - Ensure there is an [anaphylaxis response kit](#) which can be easily accessed in case of emergency. See [Anaphylaxis](#) pathway as required.
 - Store vaccines between 2° and 8°C. In the event of a cold chain breach (less than 2°C or more than 8°C for more than 15 minutes), see [Vaccine Storage and Cold Chain Breaches](#).
- Obtain [valid consent](#) and discuss [possible vaccine side-effects](#). Consider using the information in [Questions about Vaccination](#) when responding to vaccine-hesitant parents or guardians.
- If no contraindications, administer vaccines at the [recommended sites](#) according to the child's age.
- Give all due vaccines at the same time. Delays or variation from the recommended immunisation schedule are not recommended. Do not delay vaccinations due to minor illness.
- [Live vaccines](#) can be given on the same day. A four-week gap is necessary before giving any subsequent live vaccine doses.
- Remind parents or guardians to wait at the practice for 15 minutes after vaccination to monitor for potential adverse events.
- Notify the [Australian Immunisation Register \(AIR\)](#) of administered vaccinations, and record details in patient file and Green Book.
- Notify the AIR of any [children moving permanently or living overseas temporarily](#).
- Report any serious or unexpected [adverse events](#) to [SAFEVIC](#). These are notifiable.
- For COVID-19 vaccinations, please report **common or expected side-effects** via [SAEFVIC Rapid](#). Note there is **no** clinical follow up provided for these reports.
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Referral

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- Notify the AIR:


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