



BEFORE IMMUNISING

- Always review the [Australian Immunisation Register \(AIR\)](#) to check the patient's previous immunisation history.
- Check the online Australian Immunisation Handbook or download the Handbook app for information about catch-up immunisation, timing of immunisation for specific risk groups at <https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au>
- Check the correct details of all immunisations are recorded on the AIR as soon as possible after they have been administered (this is a mandatory requirement).

Key: **A** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, **M** Medical Risk, **R** Reconstitute, **SC** Subcutaneous, **IM** Intramuscular, **DL** Deltoid, **AL** Anterolateral Thigh



Age	Disease	Brand	Reconstitute	Method & Site	Notes
Birth	• Hepatitis B - usually offered in hospital	H-B-VaxII [®] paediatric or Engerix B [®] paediatric		IM / AL	Hepatitis B vaccine: Should be given to all infants as soon as practicable after birth. The greatest benefit is if given within 24 hours and must be given within 7 days.
	• Respiratory Syncytial Virus (Nirsevimab)	Beyfortus [®]		IM / AL	Nirsevimab: Note dose is weight and age dependent. Can be given at the same time as hepatitis B vaccine. For further information refer to the Queensland Health QPRSVP Program page .
	• Tuberculosis (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)	BCG	R	Intradermal / DL	BCG vaccine: Children aged <5 years living in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. For further information refer to the Queensland Health BCG Vaccination page
2 months (Can be given from 6 weeks) AND 4 months	• Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	Infanrix [®] hexa or Vaxelis [®]	R	IM / AL	Rotavirus vaccine: The first dose must be given by 14 weeks of age. The second dose must be given by 24 weeks and 6 days. Meningococcal B vaccine: Prophylactic paracetamol recommended. ATAGI Advice to Immunisation Providers on use of Bexsero
	• Rotavirus	Rotarix [®]		Oral	
	• Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13 [®]		IM / AL	
	• Meningococcal B	Bexsero [®]		IM / AL	
6 months	• Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	Infanrix [®] hexa or Vaxelis [®]	R	IM / AL	Pneumococcal vaccine: An additional (3rd) dose of Prevenar 13 is required for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Pneumococcal vaccine: All children with specified medical risk conditions for pneumococcal disease. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook . Meningococcal B vaccine: Prophylactic paracetamol recommended.
	• Pneumococcal (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)	Prevenar 13 [®]		IM / AL	
	• Pneumococcal (children with specified medical risk conditions)	Prevenar 13 [®]		IM / AL	
	• Meningococcal B (children with specified medical risk conditions)	Bexsero [®]		IM / AL	
6 months to <5 years (annually)	• Influenza	Age appropriate		Age appropriate	Administer annually. In children aged 6 months to less than 9 years of age in the first year of administration, give 2 doses a minimum of one month apart. One dose annually in subsequent years. Information on age appropriate vaccines is available in the Australian Immunisation Handbook or the annual ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines.
12 months	• Meningococcal ACWY	Nimenrix [®]	R	IM / DL	Meningococcal B vaccine: Prophylactic paracetamol recommended. Hepatitis B (Low birth weight (<2000g) and pre-term babies (<32 weeks gestation).
	• Measles, mumps, rubella	M-M-R II or Priorix [®]	R	IM / DL	
	• Meningococcal B	Bexsero [®]		IM / DL	
	• Pneumococcal	Prevenar 13 [®]		IM / DL	
	• Hepatitis B (Low birth weight (<2000g) and pre-term babies (<32 weeks gestation)	H-B-Vax II [®] paediatric OR Engerix B [®] paediatric		IM / DL	
18 months	• Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	ActHIB [®]	R	IM or SC / DL	Hepatitis A vaccine: First dose of the 2-dose hepatitis A vaccination schedule if not previously received a dose.
	• Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella	Priorix-Tetra [®]	R	IM or SC / DL	
	• Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)	Infanrix [®] or Tripacel [®]		IM / DL	
	• Hepatitis A (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)	Vaqt [®] Paediatric		IM / DL	
4 years	• Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio	Infanrix [®] IPV or Quadracel [®]		IM / DL	Administer first dose of Pneumovax 23 at age 4 years, followed by second dose of Pneumovax 23 at least 5 years later. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook for specified risk conditions and more information.
	• Pneumococcal (children with specified medical risk conditions)	Pneumovax 23 [®]		IM / DL	
	• Pneumococcal (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)	Pneumovax 23 [®]		IM / DL	
	• Hepatitis A (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)	Vaqt [®] Paediatric		IM / DL	
≥5 years Influenza (funded for all children ≥ 5 years in 2024 in Queensland)	• Influenza (children with specified medical risk conditions)	Age appropriate		IM / DL	Administer annually. In children aged 6 months to less than 9 years of age in the first year of administration, give 2 doses a minimum of one month apart. One dose annually in subsequent years. Information on age appropriate vaccine is available in the Australian Immunisation Handbook or the Annual ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines.
	• Influenza (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)	Age appropriate		IM / DL	
	• Influenza (funded for all children ≥ 5 years in 2024 in Queensland)	Age appropriate		IM / DL	

