ACT Immunisation Schedule

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ACT Government

Childhood

Age and eligibility	Disease	Brand(s)	Important information
Birth	Hepatitis B	H-B-Vax® II paediatric or Engerix-B® paediatric	Within 7 days of birth, ideally within 24 hours.
2 months (may be given from 6 weeks)	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, *Haemophilus influenzae type b* (Hib) and hepatitis B	Infanrix® Hexa or Vaxelis®	
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 20®	
	Rotavirus	Rotarix® (oral)	First dose must be given by 14 weeks of age.
	Meningococcal B (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children)	Bexsero®	Prophylactic paracetamol recommended. Also recommended for other children (see AIH).
4 months	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, *Haemophilus influenzae type b* (Hib) and hepatitis B	Infanrix® Hexa or Vaxelis®	
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 20®	
	Rotavirus	Rotarix® (oral)	Second dose must be given by 24 weeks of age. Minimum interval from dose one is four weeks.
	Meningococcal B (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children)	Bexsero®	Prophylactic paracetamol recommended. Also recommended for other children (see AIH).
6 months	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, *Haemophilus influenzae type b* (Hib) and hepatitis B	Infanrix® Hexa or Vaxelis®	
	Pneumococcal (children with specified medical risk conditions)	Prevenar 20®	An additional (3rd) dose of 20vPCV is required for children with specified medical risk conditions (see AIH).
	Pneumococcal (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children)	Prevenar 20®	An additional (3rd) dose of 20vPCV is required for **all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (see AIH).**
	Meningococcal B (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with specified medical risk conditions)	Bexsero®	Prophylactic paracetamol recommended. See AIH for specified medical risk conditions.
6 months to under 5 years (annually)	Influenza	Age-appropriate influenza vaccine	Administer annually. In children aged 6 months to less than 2 years of age, or 9 years with medical risks, in the first year of administration, give 2 doses, a minimum of 1 month apart. One dose annually in subsequent years. **Discuss influenza vaccination with other present family members.**
12 months	Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)	Priorix®	MMRV is <u>not</u> recommended as the first dose of MMR containing vaccine for children under 4 years of age. The first dose <u>must</u> be MMR (at 12 months – Priorix®) and second dose – MMRV (at 18 months – Priorix Tetra®).
	Meningococcal ACWY	Nimenrix®	
	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 20®	
	Meningococcal B (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children)	Bexsero®	Prophylactic paracetamol recommended. Also recommended for other children (see AIH).
18 months	Measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV)	Priorix-tetra®	
	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTPa)	Infanrix® or Tripacel®	
	Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	Act-HIB®	
4 years	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and poliomyelitis	Infanrix-IPV® or Quadracel®	
≥5 years (annually)	Influenza (children with specified risk conditions)	Age-appropriate influenza vaccine	Administer annually. In children aged 6 months to less than 2 years of age, or 9 years with medical risks, in the first year of administration, give 2 doses, a minimum of 1 month apart. One dose annually in subsequent years. **Discuss influenza vaccination with other present family members.**
	Influenza (Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people)		

Adolescent

Age and eligibility	Disease	Brand(s)	Important information
All ages	Influenza (people with specified risk conditions)	Age-appropriate influenza vaccine	Administer annually. Refer to AIH for information on age-appropriate vaccines and follow the ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines.
	Influenza (Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people)		
	Pneumococcal (adolescents with specified medical risk conditions)	Prevenar 20®	For people less than 18 years, administer a dose of 20vPCV at diagnosis (see AIH for dose interval and specified medical risk conditions).
Year 7 (or age equivalent)	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (dTpa)	Boostrix® or Adacel®	Administered through the High School Immunisation Program. Catch up available through general practitioners and pharmacies up until the person's 20th birthday.
	Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	Gardasil 9®	Administered through the High School Immunisation Program. Single dose recommended. People with severely immunocompromising conditions require a 3 dose schedule. Catch up available through general practitioners and pharmacies up until the person's 26th birthday.
Year 10 (or age equivalent)	Meningococcal ACWY	MenQuadfi®	Administered through the High School Immunisation Program. Catch up available through general practitioners and pharmacies up until the person's 20th birthday.

Catch-up vaccines are available under the NIP for people who did not receive them as children. Refer to Catch-up immunisations | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing for more details.

» contact the ACT Immunisation Section on (02) 5124 9800.

» refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook (AIH) – https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au

Adult

Age and eligibility	Disease	Brand(s)	Important information
All ages (annually)	Influenza (people with specified risk conditions)	Age-appropriate influenza vaccine	Administer annually. Refer to AIH for information on age-appropriate vaccines and follow the ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines.
	Influenza (Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people)		
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults **25 years and over**	Pneumococcal	Capvaxive®	
50 years and over	Shingles (herpes zoster)	Shingrix®	Administer 2 doses 2-6 months apart (or 1-2 months apart if immunocompromised or shortly expected to be immunocompromised).
	COVID-19	Comirnaty	1 dose annually
60 years and over	Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	Arexvy®	Can be co-administered with COVID-19, influenza, pneumococcal and shingles vaccines.
All people **65 years and over**	Influenza	Age-appropriate influenza vaccine	Administer annually. Follow ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines.
	Shingles (herpes zoster)	Shingrix®	Administer 2 doses 2-6 months apart (or 1-2 months apart if immunocompromised).
	Pneumococcal	Capvaxive®	
	COVID-19	Comirnaty	1 dose annually
75 years and over	Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	Arexvy®	Can be co-administered with COVID-19, influenza, pneumococcal and shingles vaccines.
	COVID-19	Comirnaty	2 doses annually
Pregnant people	Pertussis (whooping cough)	Boostrix® or Adacel®	Single dose recommended each pregnancy, ideally between 20-32 weeks, but may be given up until delivery.
	Influenza	Age-appropriate influenza vaccine	In each pregnancy, at any stage of pregnancy.
	Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	Abrysvo®	Recommended from 28 weeks gestation in each pregnancy. Can be co-administered with other maternal vaccines.

Additional vaccination for people with medical risk conditions

Age and eligibility	Disease	Brand(s)	Important information
All ages	Meningococcal ACWY	Nimenrix®	For people with asplenia, hyposplenia, complement deficiency and those undergoing treatment with eculizumab. Refer to the AIH for dosing schedule. The number of doses required varies with age.
	Meningococcal B	Bexsero®	
≥6 months (annually)	Influenza	Age-appropriate influenza vaccine	For people with specific medical risk conditions that increase their risk of complications from influenza. Refer to the AIH for information on age-appropriate vaccines.
<12 months	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 20®	For people with specific medical risk conditions that increase their risk of pneumococcal disease, an additional (3rd) dose of 20vPCV in infancy, followed by a routine booster dose at age 12 months (as with other healthy children). Refer to AIH.
≥12 months - ≤17 years	Pneumococcal	Prevenar 20®	For people with specific medical risk conditions that increase their risk of pneumococcal disease, administer a dose of 20vPCV at diagnosis. Refer to the AIH for dose intervals.
≥5 years	*Haemophilus influenzae type B* (Hib)	ACT-Hib®	For people with asplenia and hyposplenia, a single dose is required if the person was not vaccinated in infancy or incompletely vaccinated (note that all children aged <5 years are recommended to complete Hib vaccination regardless of asplenia or hyposplenia).
≥18 years	Shingles	Shingrix®	Eligible people 18 years and over with increased risk due to underlying conditions and/or immunomodulatory/immunosuppressive treatments. Give 2 doses 1-2 months apart.
	Pneumococcal	Capvaxive®	Refer to AIH for identified risk conditions and dosing advice
	COVID-19	Comirnaty	1 dose annually for people with severe immunocompromise. Refer to AIH for risk conditions.

ACT funded programs – shows the ACT funded vaccines available for free for eligible people in addition to the National Immunisation Program (NIP) schedule

Disease	Brand(s)	Eligibility and important information
Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Adults)	As delivered	The groups currently eligible to receive government funded dTpa vaccine can be found on the ACT Government website
Hepatitis B	As delivered	The groups currently eligible to receive government funded hepatitis B vaccine can be found on the ACT Government website
Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV)	Imojev® or Jespect®	The groups currently eligible to receive a government funded JEV vaccine in the ACT can be found on the ACT Government website
Measles mumps rubella	As delivered	The groups currently eligible to receive government funded measles, mumps and rubella vaccine can be found on the ACT Government website
Mpox	JYNNEOS®	The groups currently eligible to receive government funded mpox vaccine can be found on the ACT Government website
Post Exposure Vaccines	As delivered	ACT Health provides vaccines as post-exposure prophylaxis for certain diseases following public health risk assessment.
Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	Beyfortus™ (nirsevimab)	Eligibility criteria for infants to receive government funded Beyfortus™ can be found on the ACT Government website

Refugees and humanitarians of all ages eligible for catch-up vaccines under the NIP. Refer to Catch-up immunisations | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing for more details.