



Quick guide

## Catch-up immunisation for Victoria

For people with no documentation of  
previous vaccines

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**Always use the current  
*Australian Immunisation Handbook*  
for complete advice**



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The quick guide for catch-up immunisation has been developed to assist immunisation providers in Victoria to create a catch-up immunisation schedule for people with **no previous documented vaccine history**. The *Australian Immunisation Handbook* 9<sup>th</sup> Edition 2008 states, "take every available opportunity to vaccinate children and adults." The most important requirement for assessment of vaccination status is written documentation of vaccination.

The quick guide provides assistance with creating a catch-up schedule to complete a primary course of vaccination. For spacing of booster doses please refer to the current edition of the *Australian Immunisation Handbook* for catch-up immunisation.

A copy of the Victorian criteria for use of government vaccines is included in this document. The criteria lists vaccine provided free and also highlights additional free vaccines for refugees and humanitarian entrants.

Please note that Hepatitis B vaccine is funded for household contacts of a person living with Hepatitis B and Hepatitis B negative injecting drug users.

### Further information

- Refer to current edition of the *Australian Immunisation Handbook*
- For vaccine orders contact the Immunisation Section, Department of Health on telephone **1300 882 008**
- Translated resources are available from website:  
**[www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation)**
- Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on telephone **1800 653 809**



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## How to read the tables

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The tables are read as follows:

- Age at 1st visit  
Refers to the age of the person at presentation for the first series of catch-up vaccines.
- Visit number  
The 1st visit refers to the day the first vaccinations are given as a catch-up.
- Interval dose due  
Refers to the time interval required between the doses of vaccines. The minimum spacing between doses is one month. Some vaccines require longer spacing between catch-up doses.
- Antigens/vaccine brand  
Both the antigen and brand names have been used to identify what vaccines are recommended at each age milestone for quick recognition.

Each age cohort recommends (where applicable) that the vaccine schedule point be continued with the routine National Immunisation Program following completion of catch-up doses.

Combination vaccines such as *Infanrix hexa* can be used for the primary course of catch-up immunisation in children less than 8 years of age.

If the recommended intervals between doses are exceeded there is no need to recommence the schedule or give additional doses because the immune response is not impaired by such delay.



## Medical risk factors

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Some vaccines require extra doses in addition to the National Immunisation Program schedule or vaccine doses given earlier than required depending on the medical risk factor for an individual.

Please see the current edition of the *Australian Immunisation Handbook*, 'Groups with special vaccination requirements' for further information.



## Criteria for use of government vaccine

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Vaccine brand	<b>The vaccinee resides in Australia and meets at least one of the following criteria:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hold a Medicare card or be eligible to hold a Medicare card and all asylum seekers</li> <li>2. Hold Australian citizenship</li> <li>3. Hold a permanent visa or have applied for a permanent visa</li> </ol> If an eligible person attends without their Medicare card vaccines can still be administered at this time.
<b>ADT Booster®</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single booster dose between 50 and 59 years of age (inclusive)</li> <li>• <b>Indigenous/refugee/asylum seeker from 8 years of age for a primary course</b></li> </ul>
<b>Boostrix®</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 secondary school program only or age equivalent</li> <li>• Parents of newborn babies (time limited program ends 30 June 2012)</li> <li>• <b>Indigenous/refugee/asylum seeker from 8 years of age as a single dose in a primary course</b></li> </ul>
<b>Infanrix hexa®</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2, 4 and 6 months of age</li> <li>• <i>Catch-up</i> to 7 years of age (inclusive)</li> </ul>
<b>Infanrix IPV®</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 years of age (earliest to be given is 3 years and 6 months)</li> <li>• <i>Catch-up</i> single dose from 4 years and 1 month to 7 years of age (inclusive). Consider using <i>Infanrix hexa</i>.</li> </ul>
<b>Hiberix®</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 months of age</li> <li>• <i>Catch-up</i> single dose from 13 months to 4 years of age (inclusive)</li> </ul>
<b>Engerix-B®</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV positive persons</li> </ul>
<b>HBVax II Adult®</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 secondary school program or age equivalent</li> <li>• <i>Catch-up</i> Year 8 secondary school or age equivalent for course commenced in the previous year</li> <li>• Household contacts of a person living with hepatitis B</li> <li>• Hepatitis B negative injecting drug user</li> </ul>
<b>HBVax II Paediatric®</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infants at birth and within 7 days of birth</li> <li>• 12 months of age booster dose if born less than 32 weeks gestation or less than 2000 g birth weight</li> <li>• <i>Catch-up</i> to 7 years of age (inclusive)</li> <li>• Household contacts of a person living with hepatitis B</li> <li>• Hepatitis B negative injecting drug user</li> </ul>
<b>Gardasil®</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 secondary school girl program or age equivalent</li> <li>• <i>Catch-up</i> Year 8 secondary school girl or age equivalent for course commenced in the previous year</li> </ul>
<b>Influenza</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anyone from six months of age and over with conditions predisposing to severe illness</li> <li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders aged 15 years and over</li> <li>• Pregnant women during any stage of pregnancy</li> <li>• 65 years of age and older</li> </ul>
<b>IPOL®</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Indigenous/refugee/asylum seeker from 8 years of age for a primary course</b></li> </ul>
<b>Priorix®</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 months and 4 years of age</li> <li>• <i>Catch-up</i> from 13 months to 7 years of age (inclusive)</li> <li>• Women planning pregnancy and post partum with low or negative rubella antibody</li> <li>• <b>Indigenous/refugee/asylum seeker if born since 1966 (inclusive)</b></li> </ul>
<b>NeisVac C®</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 months of age</li> <li>• <i>Catch-up</i> single dose from 13 months to 7 years of age (inclusive)</li> </ul>
<b>Prevenar 13®</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2, 4, and 6 months of age</li> <li>• 12 months of age booster dose is given with underlying medical risk factors includes born less than 28 weeks gestation</li> <li>• <i>Catch-up</i> to 5 years of age (inclusive) with underlying medical risk factors</li> <li>• <i>Catch-up</i> if less than 2 years of age</li> </ul>
<b>Pneumovax23®</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 to 5 years of age with underlying medical risk factors includes born less than 28 weeks gestation</li> <li>• 15 to 49 years of age for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with underlying medical risk factors</li> <li>• 50 years of age and over for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders</li> <li>• 65 years of age and over</li> </ul>
<b>Inactivated Rabies vaccine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victorian volunteer wildlife handler for a primary course only</li> <li>• Post exposure prophylaxis</li> </ul>
<b>RotaTeq®</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2, 4 and 6 months of age</li> <li>• 12.9 weeks cut-off for 1<sup>st</sup> dose to be given</li> <li>• 32.9 weeks cut-off for the last dose (either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> dose) to be given</li> </ul>
<b>Varilrix®</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 months of age if no history of disease</li> <li>• <i>Catch-up</i> single dose from 19 months to 7 years of age (inclusive)</li> <li>• Year 7 secondary school or age equivalent if no history of disease</li> </ul>

- Vaccines required for travel purposes are not supplied
- Refer to the current Australian Immunisation Handbook for detailed schedule and medical recommendations
- **Shaded line indicates additional vaccines for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Refugees and Humanitarian entrants**

# AGE: 3 to 11 months

Age at 1 <sup>st</sup> visit	Visit number	Interval dose due	DTPa HepB IPV Hib Infanrix hexa <sup>®</sup>	Rotavirus RotaTeq <sup>®</sup>	13vPCV Prevenar 13 <sup>®</sup>	MMR Priorix <sup>®</sup>	MenC NeisVacC <sup>®</sup>
3 months	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	<b>Give today</b>	✓	✓ If <13 weeks of age otherwise no catch-up	✓		
	<b>Continue vaccine schedule at 4 months of age</b>						
4-6 months	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	<b>Give today</b>	✓		✓		
	2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	1 month after 1 <sup>st</sup> visit	✓		✓		
	3 <sup>rd</sup> visit	1 month after 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit			✓		
	4 <sup>th</sup> visit	1 month after 3 <sup>rd</sup> visit	✓				
<b>Continue vaccine schedule at 12 months of age</b>							
7-9 months	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	<b>Give today</b>	✓		✓	✓ Due at 12 months of age	✓ Due at 12 months of age
	2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	1 month after 1 <sup>st</sup> visit	✓		✓		
	3 <sup>rd</sup> visit	2 months after 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	✓				
<b>Continue vaccine schedule at 12 months of age</b>							
10-11 months	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	<b>Give today</b>	✓		✓	✓ Due at 12 months of age	✓ Due at 12 months of age
	2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	1 month after 1 <sup>st</sup> visit	✓		✓		
	3 <sup>rd</sup> visit	2 months after 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	✓				
<b>Continue vaccine schedule at 18 months of age</b>							

**AGE: 12 to 23 months**

<b>Age at 1<sup>st</sup> visit</b>	<b>Visit number</b>	<b>Interval dose due</b>	<b>DTPa HepB IPV Hib Infanrix <i>hexa</i><sup>®</sup></b>	<b>13vPCV Prevenar 13<sup>®</sup></b>	<b>MMR Priorix<sup>®</sup></b>	<b>MenC NeisVacC<sup>®</sup></b>	<b>VZV Varilrix</b>
<b>12-13 months</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	<b>Give today</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	1 month after 1 <sup>st</sup> visit	✓				
	3 <sup>rd</sup> visit	1 month after 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit		✓			
	4 <sup>th</sup> visit	1 month after 3 <sup>rd</sup> visit	✓				
<b>Continue vaccine schedule at 18 months of age</b>							
<b>14-17 months</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	<b>Give today</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ Due at 18 months of age
	2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	1 month after 1 <sup>st</sup> visit	✓				
	3 <sup>rd</sup> visit	1 month after 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit		✓			
	4 <sup>th</sup> visit	1 month after 3 <sup>rd</sup> visit	✓				
<b>Continue vaccine schedule at 4 years of age</b>							
<b>18-23 months</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	<b>Give today</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	1 month after 1 <sup>st</sup> visit	✓				
	3 <sup>rd</sup> visit	2 months after 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	✓				
<b>Continue vaccine schedule at 4 years of age</b>							

## AGE: 2 to 7 years

**Prevenar 13 - single dose ✓**

**12 months to 35 months of age**

**1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012**

<b>Age at 1<sup>st</sup> visit</b>	<b>Visit number</b>	<b>Interval dose due</b>	<b>DTPa IPV</b> Infanrix IPV®	<b>DTPa HepB IPV Hib</b> Infanrix hexa®	<b>MMR</b> Priorix®	<b>MenC</b> NeisVacC®	<b>VZV</b> Varilrix
<b>2-3 years</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	<b>Give today</b>		✓	✓	✓	✓
	2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	1 month after 1 <sup>st</sup> visit		✓			
	3 <sup>rd</sup> visit	2 months after 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit		✓			
	<b>Continue vaccine schedule at 4 years of age</b>						
<b>4-7 years</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	<b>Give today</b>		✓	✓	✓	✓
	2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	1 month after 1 <sup>st</sup> visit		✓	✓		
	3 <sup>rd</sup> visit	2 months after 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit		✓			
	4 <sup>th</sup> visit	6 months after 3 <sup>rd</sup> visit	✓				
	<b>Continue vaccine schedule at secondary school</b>						

## AGE: 8 years and over

Age at 1st visit	Interval dose due	MMR Priorix®	dTpa Boostrix®	dT ADT Booster®	Polio IPOL®	HPV Gardasil®	Hepatitis B HB VaxII® Paediatric/Adult formulation		VZV Varilrix®	Men C NeisVacC®
<b>Please note the additional information for vaccines</b>		Given if born since 1966  2 free doses for woman planning pregnancy and post-partum with low or negative rubella antibody	Due in Year 10 of secondary school  <b>I/r/as</b> as a single dose in a primary course	See <i>Australian Immunisation Handbook</i> for booster doses		Due in Year 7 of secondary school for girls  Free catch up for Year 8 secondary school girl or age equivalent for course commenced in the previous year	Due in Year 7 of secondary school until 2012 inclusive. 2 adult doses  Free catch up for Year 8 secondary school or age equivalent for course commenced in the previous year	8 to 19 years of age 3 paediatric doses  20 years and over 3 adult doses	Due in Year 7 of secondary school if non-immune  14 years and over 2 doses due if non-immune	Peak incidence of disease between 15 and 24 years of age
	<b>Give today</b>	*✓ <b>I/r/as</b>	*✓ <b>I/r/as</b>		*✓ <b>I/r/as</b>	*✓	*✓	*✓	*✓	*✓
	1 month after 1 <sup>st</sup> visit	*✓ <b>I/r/as</b>		*✓ <b>I/r/as</b>	*✓ <b>I/r/as</b>			*✓	*✓ 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose due if 14 years and over	
	1 month after 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit			*✓ <b>I/r/as</b>	*✓ <b>I/r/as</b>	*✓ 2 months after 1 <sup>st</sup> visit				
					*✓ 4 months after 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	*✓ 4-6 months after 1 <sup>st</sup> visit	*✓ 5 months after 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit			

\*✓ **Recommended but not free**

**I/r/he** **Free to Indigenous person / refugee / asylum seeker**

# Immunisation catch-up advice

## Immunisation catch-up advice for:

**Name:**

**Birth date:**

**Age:**

Date given	Age of person	Birth dose Hep B	Rota Teq	Prevenar	DTPa	OPV/IPV	Hep B	Hib	Men C	MMR	Varicella	HPV	dTpa	ADT	Other	Other	Other
Vaccine interval		Ipol	Rota Teq	Prevenar 13	Infanrix hexa	Infanrix IPV	Hep B Paed./ Adult	Hiberix	NeisVacC	Priorix	Varilrix	Gardasil	Boostrix	ADT	Flu	Pneumo Vax23	Other
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\*✓ Recommended but not free

I/r/he Free to Indigenous person / refugee / asylum seeker

<b>Further advice:</b>	
<b>Advice provided by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>