

**This checklist helps your doctor/nurse decide about vaccinating you or your child. Please tell your doctor/nurse if the person about to be vaccinated:**

- is unwell today
- is pregnant
- has a chronic illness
- is an infant of a mother who was receiving highly immunosuppressive therapy (e.g. biological disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (bDMARDs) during pregnancy
- has had a severe reaction following any vaccine
- has had any vaccine in the past month
- has a bleeding disorder
- was a preterm infant
- has any severe allergies (to anything)
- has a disease which lowers immunity (e.g. leukaemia, cancer, HIV/AIDS) or is having treatment which lowers immunity (e.g. oral steroid medicines such as cortisone and prednisone, radiotherapy, chemotherapy)
- has had an injection of immunoglobulin, or received any blood products or whole blood transfusion within the past year
- has a past history of Guillain-Barré Syndrome

**Additional vaccines may be recommended if the person to be vaccinated:**

- identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- does not have a functioning spleen
- is pregnant
- is planning a pregnancy or anticipating parenthood
- is a parent, grandparent or carer of a newborn
- lives with someone who has a disease which lowers immunity (e.g. leukaemia, cancer, HIV/AIDS) or lives with someone who is having treatment which lowers immunity (e.g. oral steroid medicines such as cortisone and prednisone, radiotherapy, chemotherapy)
- is planning travel
- has an occupation or lifestyle factor(s) for which vaccination may be indicated
- was a preterm infant
- has a chronic illness

**Note: Please discuss this information or any questions you have about vaccinations with your doctor or nurse before the vaccine is given. It is important for you to have a personal record of the vaccination you or your child has received. If you do not have a record, ask your doctor or nurse to give you one and bring it with you each time you or your child have a vaccination.**

**Not all recommended vaccines are government funded and may need to be purchased by private prescription.**