

Infants and young children requiring additional funded vaccines



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Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander infants living in the ACT

Extra vaccines required:

- Meningococcal B course

Born at less than 28 weeks gestation

Extra vaccines required:

- Pneumococcal (Prevenar 13®) at 6 months
- Pneumococcal (Pneumovax 23®) at 4 years
- Hepatitis B at 12 months

Born at less than 32 weeks gestation

Extra vaccines required:

- Hepatitis B at 12 months

Weight less than 2000gm at birth

Extra vaccines required:

- Hepatitis B at 12 months

Chronic lung disease

Extra vaccines required:

- Pneumococcal (Prevenar 13®) at 6 months
- Pneumococcal (Pneumovax 23®) at 4 years¥

Chronic cardiac disease

Extra vaccines required:

- Pneumococcal (Prevenar 13®) at 6 months
- Pneumococcal (Pneumovax 23®) at 4 years¥

Chronic liver disease

Extra vaccines required:

- Pneumococcal (Prevenar 13®) at 6 months
- Pneumococcal (Pneumovax 23®) at 4 years¥

Intracranial Shunt

Extra vaccines required:

- Pneumococcal (Prevenar 13®) at 6 months
- Pneumococcal (Pneumovax 23®) at 4 years¥

Down syndrome

Extra vaccines required:

- Pneumococcal (Prevenar 13®) at 6 months
- Pneumococcal (Pneumovax 23®) at 4 years¥

Functional/anatomical asplenia or complement deficiency

Extra vaccines required:

- Pneumococcal (Prevenar 13®) at 6 months
- Pneumococcal (Pneumovax 23®) at 4 years¥
- Meningococcal B course
- Meningococcal ACWY age appropriate course.

Immunocompromising conditions

Extra vaccines may be required. Please consult a general practitioner or paediatrician.

Other chronic conditions

Extra vaccines may be required. Please consult a general practitioner or paediatrician.

Important notes:

*** Influenza vaccine is recommended and funded for all children from 6 months to less than 5 years of age and for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from 6 months of age.**

Influenza vaccine is also funded for children and adolescents with additional risk factors from 6 months of age.

Two doses at least 4 weeks apart is recommended for children less than 9 years of age receiving the vaccine for the first time. Annual dose thereafter.

¥ Additional doses of Pneumovax 23® beyond the age of 4 years may be recommended, depending on ongoing risk. Consult a general practitioner or paediatrician.

For any queries or concerns please talk to an immunisation provider, doctor or call the Health Protection Service, Immunisation Enquiry Line on 5124 9800.

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