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Immunisation Update

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New mandatory reporting fields in AIR

The **Australian Immunisation Register** has new mandatory reporting fields. These will be available on AIR from **1 January 2024** and will be mandatory from **1 March 2024**. The new fields are **Vaccine Type** (all vaccines) and **Route of Administration** (JEV only).

Vaccine Type	Route of Administration
NIP/Commonwealth	Oral
Antenatal	Subcutaneous
Private	Intradermal
State Program	Intramuscular

Batch numbers are currently mandatory for COVID vaccinations and will **mandatory for all reportable vaccinations** from **1 March 2024**. Serial numbers are no longer accepted. Record the batch number on the **vaccine box** (preferred) **or the vial** (not the number on the diluent)

Vaccine/Brand: *	Batch Number:
<input type="text" value="Type vaccine or antigen.."/>	<input type="text" value="Please enter..."/>
Vaccine Type:	Route of Administration:
<input type="text" value="Please Select"/>	<input type="text" value="Please Select"/>
	<input type="button" value="+"/>

AIR will be contacting software providers to ensure all relevant software meets the new requirements for uploading into AIR

For further information visit [AIR Education Resources for Health Professionals](#)

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New look Immunisation Program website

The **Immunisation Program** website has a **new look**.

Access it by typing '**NT Immunisation**' into a search bar, click on [Immunisation program NT health](#) then save it to your favourites for quick access later.

The website contains links to

- NT Immunisation schedules
- Immunisation updates
- Vaccination provider forms and reporting, including online **AEFI** and **wastage forms**,
- Resources and links for health professional's including, the **Australian Immunisation Handbook**
- Legislation and education for vaccination providers

Access the **new look** website here

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Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine

'**Wet season**' **mosquitoes** are breeding and people are still at risk of **Japanese encephalitis virus** infection.

Continue to promote JE vaccination for people **living, working and attending schools** in the **high risk areas** and those people who are **occupationally at risk**.



For eligibility of free JE vaccines visit [Japanese encephalitis | NT.GOV.AU](#)

For clients who are not eligible for a free JE vaccine, **self-funded vaccines** can be accessed on the private market from their GP.

Catch up vaccines for children and adolescents

December and January are a great time to **catch-up on any missed scheduled vaccines** especially for children and adolescents. Continue to offer opportunistic vaccines to children and adolescents.

See the [Australian Immunisation Handbook catch-up vaccination](#) for information on catch-up vaccines

OR for specific catch up advice

Email ImmunisationProgram.TEHS@nt.gov.au or Phone 89228315 during business hours

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COVID -19 Vaccines - the latest ATAGI advice

Monovalent COVID-19 Omicron XBB.1.5 vaccines are now available

- **Pfizer monovalent Omicron XBB.1.5 vaccine** 5 - <12 years formulation - **single-dose vial** ([light blue cap](#))
- **Pfizer monovalent Omicron XBB.1.5 vaccine** ≥12 years formulation - **multi-dose vial** (dark grey cap)
- **Moderna monovalent Omicron XBB.1.5 vaccine** 12 years and older - **single dose pre-filled syringe**.



All currently available COVID-19 vaccines continue to provide protection, however the monovalent **Omicron XBB.1.5** vaccines are preferred over other vaccines if available, according to the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#)

For people who have received the recommended 2023 dose/s of COVID-19 vaccine there are no recommendations for further doses or revaccination at this time. If eligible people have not received a 2023 COVID-19 then they should be offered a vaccine now or a second dose if eligible.

The link to the poster below outlines the COVID-19 vaccine doses recommended for each age and population group.

[ATAGI recommended COVID -19 vaccine doses | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#)

Immunisation Program Christmas hours of business

The Immunisation team wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year



We are closed for business on Monday 25, Tuesday 26 December and Monday 1 January 2024

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