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Immunisation Update

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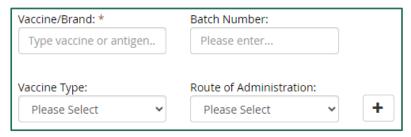
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New mandatory reporting fields in AIR

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)



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**

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 <u>Immunisation program NT</u> 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

Immunisation Program

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 <u>Japanese encephalitis | NT.GOV.AU</u>

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 <u>Australian Immunisation Handbook catch-up vaccination</u> for information on catch-up vaccines

OR for specific catch up advice

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

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 <u>Australian Immunisation Handbook</u>

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