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Immunisation Update

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2025 influenza vaccine rollout

National Immunisation Program (NIP) 2025 influenza vaccine will be available in the NT from April 2025. Annual vaccination is highly recommended to prevent influenza and its complications.

People from the following groups are eligible for FREE influenza vaccine:

- All children aged 6 months to less than 5 years
- Pregnant women in all trimesters
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over
- All people aged 6 months and over with medical risk conditions
- Non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 65 years and over.

People not eligible for a free NIP vaccine can purchase the vaccine privately through their GP or Pharmacist.

Important information for providers of the 2025 Influenza vaccine

- The delivery of **Vaxigrip Tetra®** to Australia for the 2025 NIP influenza program was delayed.
- **FluQuadri®** vaccine has been made available for immunisation providers to vaccinate all children **6 months to under 5 years of age** until the stock of Vaxigrip Tetra® is distributed. Due to the late addition of FluQuadri® vaccine, the box will not be labelled "Government Funded Program", **so for providers who stock this vaccine for private use, separate baskets to store vaccines are recommended.**
- NIP funded **Flucelvax Quad®** will also be available for eligible people aged **5 years to less than 65 years of age** until the stock of Vaxigrip Tetra® is distributed.
- Once **Vaxigrip Tetra®** is available, this will be supplied for eligible people age **6 months to less than 65 years.**

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NIP funded influenza vaccines 2025

| Age | Vaxigrip Tetra® | FluQuadri® | Flucelvax® Quad | Fluad® Quad |
|--|--------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 6 months to less than 5 years | ✓ | ✓ | X | X |
| 5 years to less than 65 years Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| 5 years to less than 65 years people with medical risk | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| Pregnant women | ✓ | X | ✓ | X |
| 65 years and over | X | X | X | ✓ |

✓ Funded under the NIP for specific age group

Timing of vaccines

- Offer the vaccine throughout the year because, in the NT, influenza infections can occur year-round.
- The 2025 influenza vaccine can be given to a pregnant woman even if a 2024 influenza vaccine has been given earlier within the current pregnancy.
- Influenza can be co-administered with COVID-19 or any other NIP vaccine on the same day or at any time.

Resources

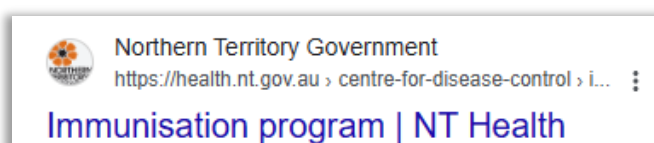
A selection of printable posters are now available on our [Immunisation program | NT Health](#) website under the tab **Influenza and COVID-19 vaccine information**.

NT Immunisation Schedules March 2025

Where to download the updated NT Immunisation Schedules

From the **NT Health intranet**, select the orange 'For health professionals' heading, scroll down to 'Program areas', select 'Immunisation program' then select 'Immunisation schedules' and download the schedules. [Immunisation program | NT Health](#)

From an **external site**, type in the search bar 'NT health immunisation programs' and click on the link.



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Tetanus containing vaccine – eligibility

Who is eligible for which vaccine?

Tetanus-toxoid vaccines are only available in Australia as combination vaccines that include other antigens such as pertussis and diphtheria.

For **children**, tetanus-toxoid vaccines are found in some of the scheduled NIP funded childhood vaccines - Infanrix hexa®, Vaxelis®, Infanrix®, Infanrix IPV®, Quadracel® and Tripacel®.

For **adolescents, pregnant women and refugees** - Boostrix® and Adacel® are NIP funded.

Tetanus prone wounds

For all **tetanus prone wounds** in adults not eligible for NIP funded tetanus containing vaccine, administer **adult diphtheria tetanus (ADT) vaccine**.

Please see the Australian Immunisation Handbook for detailed information on prescribing tetanus containing vaccines for tetanus prone wounds.

[People who have a tetanus-prone wound | Tetanus | The Australian Immunisation Handbook](#)

| TETANUS PRONE WOUNDS | ADOLESCENTS, PREGNANT WOMEN & REFUGEES |
|---|--|
| Funded through PBS Prescriber Bag | Funded through the NIP |
| ADT™ Booster dT – diphtheria-tetanus combination | Boostrix® or Adacel® dTpa – diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis combination vaccine |
|  |  |

Adult booster doses of dTpa

Immunity to some diseases can start to wane in older people, and they may need booster doses of some vaccines.

Offer adults aged 50 years a booster dose of dTpa vaccine to protect against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, if their last dose was more than 10 years ago. **These vaccines are not NIP funded.**

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Measles

Immunisation experts sound warning on measles amid a rise in measles cases globally

Immunisation leaders in Australia are urging healthcare providers and the community to prioritise measles vaccination, as concern about the disease continues to escalate around the world – including in Australia.

Measles vaccine is safe and effective, and all children aged 12 months and over are strongly recommended to receive 2 NIP funded doses of measles vaccine at 12 and 18 months of age.

Childhood vaccine schedule

| Age | 12 months | 18 months |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Vaccine Type | Measles mumps, rubella | Measles, mumps rubella, varicella |
| Vaccine Brand | Priorix® or M-M-R-II® | Priorix-Tetra® or ProQuad ® |

Infants **travelling to countries where measles is endemic** or where outbreaks are occurring may receive the vaccine from **6 months of age (NT funded)** but will still need another 2 doses starting at 12 months of age.

Check measles vaccination status of all clients

Please ensure your clients are fully vaccinated for measles.

For adults born between **1966 and 1986**, this cohort may be **unvaccinated** or **under vaccinated** (ie: have 1 dose only) for measles.

Check their measles vaccine status on the Australian Immunisation Register and ensure they have 2 documented doses. If not, give 2 x MMR vaccine doses, 1 month apart.

All MMR vaccines are funded in the NT for anyone not fully immunised born after 1966.



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RSV maternal infant protection program – Abrysvo®

The maternal Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine, **Abrysvo®** is recommended and NIP funded for women at **28 to 36 weeks of pregnancy** to protect their baby against serious illness from RSV.

These maternal vaccines are free under the NIP.

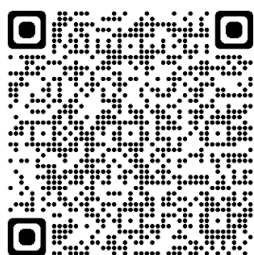
National Immunisation Schedule (Maternal)

| Stage of pregnancy | Disease |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Consider anytime during pregnancy | ● Influenza |
| Recommended at 20 to 32 weeks | ● Pertussis (whooping cough)^ |
| Recommended at 28 to 36 weeks | ● Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)* |

^Pertussis vaccine is combined with diphtheria and tetanus.

*Abrysvo® is the only RSV vaccine approved for use in pregnant women.

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