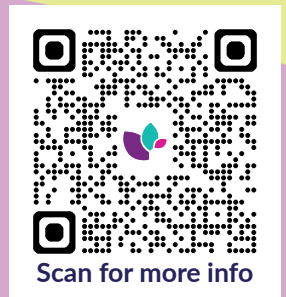


School Based Immunisation Program

Pneumococcal and influenza



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Pneumococcal

Pneumococcal disease can cause:



**inflammation
around the brain
(meningitis)**



**infection in
the lungs
(pneumonia)**



**ear infections
that can
damage hearing**



**and other
serious
diseases**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adolescents and adolescents with certain medical conditions are at increased risk of pneumococcal disease, and are recommended to receive one dose of a pneumococcal vaccine.

Influenza (flu)

Influenza (flu) is a viral infection spread by coughing and sneezing. Even in healthy people it can make you really sick if you become infected. In rare cases, it can lead to:



**serious conditions
like severe lung
infections (pneumonia)**



**swelling in the
brain (encephalitis)**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adolescents and adolescents with medical conditions are at an increased risk of serious illness from flu, and are recommended to receive one dose of the influenza vaccine every year.



If you need an interpreter
we can book one for you.



Eligibility

In the Northern Territory, the pneumococcal and influenza vaccines are free for adolescents who are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander or who have certain health or medical conditions that put them at a greater risk.

What to expect post-vaccine

For 1-2 days after having the vaccine you may experience:



**a sore arm
where the
needle was given**



a headache



**sore
muscles**



a temperature



**tiredness or
feeling unwell**

A cool cloth on the injection site and taking some paracetamol will relieve symptoms. Severe allergic reactions are very rare.