

# Immunisation information

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Immunisation protects children against many serious diseases, which continue to occur in the community and from which children are still suffering and dying unnecessarily.

The National Health and Medical Research Council recommends a National Vaccination Schedule for all children. You should discuss these recommendations with your local doctor or clinic **and/or refer to the NSW Health website [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au) to view the current NSW Immunisation Schedule.**

Vaccines are available to protect children against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), hepatitis B, meningococcal C, pneumococcal and chickenpox. These vaccines are available from your local doctor, some local councils, children's hospitals, Community Health Centres and Aboriginal Medical Services.

Some children may suffer a slight fever and/or redness, swelling and tenderness at the injection site. Please contact your local doctor if the fever is greater than 39°C, or if you are worried about your child's condition.

Every baby registered with Medicare is also registered with the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR). After each immunisation event your local doctor or clinic will advise the ACIR of the child's immunisation status.

An Immunisation History Statement will be forwarded to you from the ACIR once your child has completed their immunisation schedule at 4 years of age. You will be required to provide this statement to your child's school at enrolment.

If you do not receive this statement or there is a problem with the statement you can contact the **ACIR on 1800 653 809.**