

Vaccination from community pharmacy – at a glance

Q. What are the vaccines that I may be able to receive from a community pharmacy, and do I have to pay for them?

A. This varies across the country and is controlled by the legislation of the state or territory. It also depends on your age, whether you are pregnant and your eligibility for vaccines funded under the National Immunisation Program (NIP). The summary table below provides a guide.*

COVID-19 vaccines: Refer to COVID-19 vaccine-specific resource '[COVID-19 vaccination from community pharmacy](#)' that outlines which COVID-19 vaccines and age groups have been approved for vaccination in pharmacies or by pharmacists under the respective state/territory legislation and regulations.

State/Territory	Vaccines that can be administered by a pharmacist immuniser†	Who can receive vaccinations administered by a pharmacist?‡	Is the vaccine free if I get it from a community pharmacy?‡	Would the same vaccine be free if I get it from a GP, local medical centre or an Aboriginal medical service?#
Australian Capital Territory	Influenza	5 years and older	Yes , for people aged 65 years and older (NIP-funded); otherwise No	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)	16 years and older	No	
	Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)	16 years and older	No	Yes , for people born in 1966 and onwards (state-funded), or if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
New South Wales	Influenza	5 years and older	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes; otherwise No	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)	12 years and older	Yes , for people aged 12–19 years and pregnant women (NIP-funded); otherwise No	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)	12 years and older	Yes , for people born during or after 1966 and rubella seronegative post natal women (state-funded), or if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes; otherwise No	Yes , for people born during or after 1966 and rubella seronegative post natal women (state-funded), or if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Hepatitis A	5 years and older	Yes , for post exposure (state-funded); otherwise No	Yes , for post exposure (state-funded); otherwise No
	Hepatitis B	5 years and older	Yes , if you meet any condition for a state-funded dose ; otherwise, No	Yes , if you meet any condition for a state-funded dose , or for catch up of missed doses for all people aged <20 years, all adult refugees and other humanitarian entrants
	Human papillomavirus (HPV)	12 years and older	Yes , for people aged 12–19 years (NIP-funded); otherwise No	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Herpes zoster/varicella zoster (Zoster) (Shingrix only)	50 years and older	No	No
	Japanese encephalitis§	5 years and older	Yes	Yes
	Meningococcal ACWY	14 years and older	Yes , for people aged 14–19 years (NIP-funded); otherwise No	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Poliomyelitis	5 years and older	Yes , for people aged 5–19 years (NIP-funded); otherwise No	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Typhoid (Intramuscular injection formulation only)	5 years and older	No	No
Northern Territory	Influenza	10 years and older	No	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)	16 years and older	No	
	Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)	16 years and older	No	Yes , for people born in 1966 and onwards (territory-funded), or if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
Queensland	Influenza	10 years and older	No	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)§§	16 years and older	No	
	Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)	16 years and older	No	Yes , for people born in 1966 and onwards (state-funded), or if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Cholera	16 years and older	No	No
	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B	16 years and older	No	
	Hepatitis A	16 years and older	No	
	Meningococcal ACWY	10 years and older	No	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Pneumococcal	16 years and older	No	

	Poliomyelitis	16 years and older	No	Yes , for catch up of missed doses for all people aged <20 years, all adult refugees and other humanitarian entrants
South Australia	Influenza	5 years and older	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose- Refer to Notes; otherwise No	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) ^{§§}	16 years and older	No	
	Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)	16 years and older	No	
Tasmania	Influenza	10 years and older	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes; otherwise No	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)	16 years and older	No	
	Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)	16 years and older	Yes , for people born in 1966 and onwards (state-funded); otherwise No	Yes , for people born in 1966 and onwards (state-funded), or if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
Victoria	Influenza	5 years and older	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes; otherwise No	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)	12 years and older	Yes , for partners of pregnant women, parents or guardians of babies <6 months of age (state-funded), or if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes; otherwise No	Yes , for partners of pregnant women, parents or guardians of babies <6 months of age (state-funded), or if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)	15 years and older	Yes , for people born in 1966 and onwards, women planning pregnancy or post-partum with low or negative rubella antibody levels (state-funded), or if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes; otherwise No	Yes , for people born in 1966 and onwards, women planning pregnancy or post-partum with low or negative rubella antibody levels (state-funded), or if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Meningococcal ACWY	15 years and older	Yes , for catch up of missed doses for all people aged 15 to <20 years; otherwise No	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Monkeypox/smallpox/vaccinia virus ^{††}	5 years and older	Yes	Yes
	Pneumococcal	50 years and older	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes; otherwise No	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Human papillomavirus (HPV)	12 years and older	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes; otherwise No	
	Herpes zoster/varicella zoster (Zoster) [%]	50 years and older	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes; otherwise No	
	Japanese encephalitis ^{**}	5 years and older	Yes	
Western Australia	Influenza	5 years and older	Yes , for people aged 65 years and older (NIP-funded); otherwise No	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)	11 years and older	No	
	Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)	16 years and older	No	Yes , for people born in 1966 and onwards (state-funded), or if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Meningococcal ACWY	11 years and older	No	Yes , if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Human papillomavirus (HPV)	11 years and older	No	

Notes

The National Immunisation Program (NIP) provides free vaccines to people who meet specified conditions, as listed below:

dTpa vaccine: Free for pregnant women, for catch up of missed doses for all people aged <20 years, all adult refugees and other humanitarian entrants.

Human papillomavirus vaccine: Free for catch up of missed doses for all people aged <20 years, all adult refugees and other humanitarian entrants.

Influenza vaccine: Free for people aged 6 months to <5 years and ≥65 years, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, pregnant women and people with specified medical conditions that increase their risk of influenza disease (for a full list of conditions eligible for NIP-funded influenza vaccines, refer to [Seasonal influenza vaccines – clinical advice for vaccination providers](#) fact sheet).

MMR vaccine: Free for catch up of missed doses for all people aged <20 years, all adult refugees and other humanitarian entrants.

Meningococcal ACWY vaccine: Free for catch up of missed doses for all people aged <20 years, all adult refugees and other humanitarian entrants.

Pneumococcal vaccine: Pneumococcal vaccines (13vPCV [13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine] and 23vPPV [23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine]) are free for certain groups of people under the [National Immunisation Program](#) and by [states and territories](#).

Poliomyelitis: Poliomyelitis vaccines are free for catch up of missed doses for all people aged <20 years, all adult refugees and other humanitarian entrants.

Zoster (Shingles) vaccine: the live zoster vaccine, Zostavax®, is free for people aged 70 years. There is a catch-up program for people aged 71 – 79 years until 31 October 2023.

There are additional NIP- and state-funded vaccines available free through a GP, local medical centre or an Aboriginal Medical Service.

*** This information sheet is a guide to show what is permissible under the state/territory legislation. Not all pharmacies will offer this service, and not all pharmacists are permitted to administer vaccines. Specified vaccines can be administered by pharmacists registered to do so and who have completed the specified training modules in accordance with jurisdictional standards. Some pharmacies may only offer fee-based service and not NIP-funded vaccines.**

† These vaccination restrictions only apply to pharmacist immunisers and may differ for other immunisers, such as nurses, who may be administering vaccines in a community pharmacy.

‡ Although some vaccines may be free as a result of being funded on the NIP or by the state/territory, pharmacies may charge a service fee.

Although vaccines may be free as a result of being funded on the NIP or by the state/territory, GP and local medical centres may charge a consultation fee.

§ Only for people listed on the [New South Wales Department of Health's Japanese encephalitis web page](#).

§§ Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-inactivated poliovirus vaccine (dTpa-IPV) may be used if diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) vaccine is not available.

|| Only for those who have not received a pertussis booster in the last 10 years.

** Only for people listed on the [Victorian Department of Health's Japanese encephalitis web page](#) as recommended to receive the Japanese encephalitis vaccine.

†† Only for people listed on the [Victorian Department of Health's Monkeypox web page](#) as recommended to receive the MPX vaccine.

% Zostavax® vaccine contains live attenuated varicella-zoster virus and is contraindicated in immunocompromised people due to the risk of disseminated varicella disease from the Oka strain vaccine virus. Use the [Zostavax screening tool](#) to determine if Zostavax® vaccine is contraindicated. Refer to the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#).