

Vaccines 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.*

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	16 years and older and not pregnant	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 and not pregnant	No	
New South Wales	Influenza	16 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	Yes, for people born in 1966 and onwards (state-funded), or if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)	16 years and older	No	
Northern Territory	Influenza	16 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	Yes, for people born in 1966 and onwards (territory-funded), or if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)	16 years and older	No	
Queensland	Influenza	16 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	Yes, for people born in 1966 and onwards (state-funded), or if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)	16 years and older	No	
South Australia	Influenza	16 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	
Tasmania	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	Yes, for people born in 1966 and onwards (state-funded), or if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)	16 years and older	Yes, for people born in 1966 and onwards (state-funded); otherwise No	
Victoria	Influenza	10 years and older	Yes, if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes	Yes, if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)	16 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	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)	16 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	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
Western Australia	Influenza	10 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	Yes, for people born in 1966 and onwards (state-funded), or if you meet any condition for a NIP-funded dose – Refer to Notes
	Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)	16 years and older	No	
	Meningococcal ACWY	16 years and older	No	Yes, for those on ongoing catch-up program

Notes

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

Influenza vaccine: Free for people aged ≥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 factsheet](#))

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

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

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.

[†] 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.

[§] 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.