

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

All of our clinics are conducted by a qualified immunisation nurse who is experienced in all aspects of immunisation across every age group.

- **Which vaccines are available?**

Vaccines recommended for babies, children, adolescents and adults on the National Immunisation Program (NIP)* are available at no cost to people with a current Medicare Card. Other vaccines are recommended and are available for a fee.

- **Do I need to book?**

All of our clinics are walk-in clinics and appointments are not necessary. However, if you would like a vaccine that is not at scheduled point (as per the NIP)*, there may be a fee involved and we ask that you pre-book on 8229 9999 to ensure availability of the vaccine(s) on the day.

- **What if I can't remember which vaccinations I've already had?**

The Council keeps a permanent record of all vaccinations administered through our services. This record is available upon request. A history of your vaccination may also be available on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR), which can be accessed online through the myGov/Medicare portal.

- **What should I bring?**

Please bring your child's Personal Health Record Book (blue book), Medicare Card and immunisation history/record cards or correspondence.

- **Should I have a flu shot?**

We highly recommend annual influenza (flu) vaccinations. The flu vaccine is free for anyone aged 65+, pregnant women and other eligible groups who are considered medically at risk. Additional immunisation clinics may be held during the flu season. Please check our website for dates and times.



SOME PAID VACCINES AS WELL AS CATCH-UP VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE BUT MUST BE PRE-BOOKED TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY ON THE DAY.

SOME OF THESE INCLUDE:

Hepatitis B – Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping Cough) – Influenza
Measles, Mumps and Rubella – Varicella (Chickenpox)
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

PLEASE CALL 8229 9999
TO BOOK YOUR VACCINATION.



IMMUNISATION
PROGRAM 2019

For more information about our immunisation clinics and what we offer, contact us on 8229 9999 or refer to our website holdfast.sa.gov.au/immunisation

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* except shingles vaccine, available through GPs

IMMUNISATION: GET THE FACTS!

Since the introduction of vaccination for children in Australia in 1932, deaths from vaccine-preventable diseases have fallen by 99 per cent, despite a threefold increase in the Australian population over that period. Worldwide, it has been estimated that immunisation programs prevent approximately three million deaths each year.

Ref: www.health.gov.au April 2018

- Vaccines will help keep you healthy. The City of Holdfast Bay recommends vaccinations throughout life to protect against many infections. When you skip vaccines, you leave yourself vulnerable to illnesses such as pneumococcal disease, influenza, whooping cough and other vaccine preventable diseases.
- Vaccines are safe. All vaccines registered in Australia by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) are evaluated to ensure they are effective, comply with strict manufacturing and production standards, and have a strong safety record. It can take up to 10 years for a vaccine to be approved for use. Vaccines are among the safest products in all of medicine.
- Vaccines won't give you the disease they are designed to prevent. You cannot "catch" the disease from the vaccine. Some vaccines contain "killed" virus, and it is impossible to get the disease from them. Others have live, but weakened, viruses designed to ensure that you cannot catch the disease.
- When you get sick, your children, grandchildren and parents are at risk, too. A vaccine-preventable disease that might make you sick for a week or two could prove deadly for your children, grandchildren, or parents if it spreads to them. When you get vaccinated, you're protecting yourself and your family.
- Vaccines are as important to your overall health as diet and exercise. Like eating healthy foods, exercising, and getting regular check-ups, vaccines play a vital role in keeping you healthy. Vaccines are one of the most effective and safest preventive care measures available.

WHAT WE OFFER:

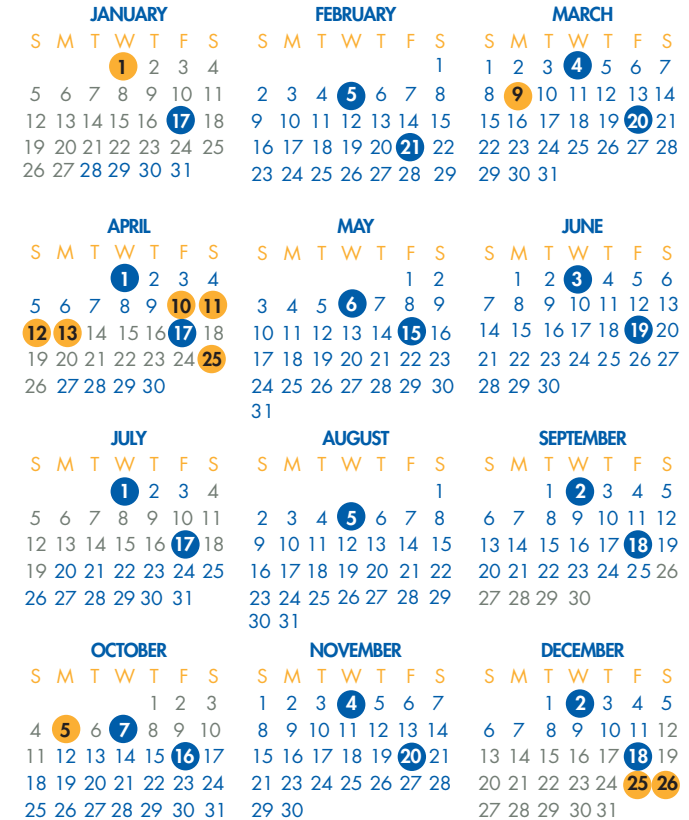
Free vaccines in line with the National Immunisation Program (NIP)*

For more information on the NIP go to www.immunise.health.gov.au



it's
your
shot!

IMMUNISATION CALENDAR 2019



- FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH (3PM-5:30PM)
- THIRD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH (10AM-12:30PM).
- PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
- SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

1 Commercial Road Brighton 5048 (adjacent to the Windsor Theatre).

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