Department of Health



Starting or moving schools – immunisation records

Why is immunisation important?

Some diseases, like measles and mumps, can be very serious for children, and other people in the community.

In places where people are in close contact, like school, diseases can spread fast.

Help protect your child by making sure they have had all their immunisations.

healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation

What do I have to do when my child starts school?

When your child starts school, you need to give the school their Australian immunisation register (AIR) history statement.

Your child's school needs this, so if any children are not fully immunised they can protect them by telling them to stay away from school if there is an outbreak of some diseases.

What is an AIR history statement?

An AIR history statement is a record of your child's immunisation history.

A copy of your statement is posted to you when your child:

- completes their early childhood immunisation schedule.

How do I get a copy of my child's AIR history statement?

You can ask for a statement at any time by:

- phoning the AIR on 1800 653 809
- visiting your local Medicare centre (Department of Human Services Centre)
- using your Medicare online account through myGov (https://my.gov.au) using the Express Plus Medicare mobile app (https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/express-plus-mobile-apps).

What if my child was not born in Australia?

If your child was born overseas and is not registered on the AIR you should give your child's immunisation record to an immunisation provider (GP or child health clinic) and ask them to forward your child's overseas records to AIR to ensure you get an AIR statement for future use.

What if I have not immunised my child for medical or other reasons?

If you have not immunised your child for any reason, you still need to give the school an AIR certificate which says your child has not had any immunisations.

Call AIR on 1800 653 809 for more information.

When do I need to give the school my child's immunisation history?

Whenever your child starts at a new school, the law says that you must give the school your child's immunisation records. This includes:

- enrolling your child at kindy or pre-primary
- enrolling your child at secondary school
- every time your child changes school.

What if I change address?

If you change address, please inform your doctor, the school or community nurse and Medicare. This will help ensure that you can be contacted with immunisation updates if required.

Contacts

Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)
Phone: 1800 653 809

Central Immunisation Clinic
Phone: 9321 1312
8.30am – 4.30pm weekdays

Your local doctor

Your local community health centre, hospital or public health unit
www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/publichealthunits

HealthDirect Australia
Phone: 1800 022 222

More information

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