



Influenza (flu) vaccine

Eligibility for government funded influenza vaccines in WA in 2020 has expanded to include WA primary school-aged children. This new state-funded vaccine includes all children born after 30 June 2007 and 5 years.

The following individuals in WA are eligible to receive government funded vaccine:

- persons 65 years or older
- children 6 months to less than 5 years
- **primary school-aged children (from 5 years to students in year 6)**
- pregnant women (any trimester)
- Aboriginal people 6 months and older
- individuals 6 months and older with medical conditions that place them at risk for complications of influenza, including:
 - cardiac disease
 - chronic respiratory conditions
 - chronic neurological conditions
 - impaired immunity
 - diabetes and other metabolic disorders
 - renal disease
 - haematological disorders
 - children aged 6 months to 10 years receiving long-term aspirin therapy.

When is the best time to get the influenza vaccine?

For best protection against influenza, people are strongly advised to get the influenza vaccine every year

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic it is advised to get the influenza vaccine as soon as it is available.

Note: after vaccination it can take up to 2 weeks to develop protection.

It is never too late to get the influenza vaccine.

Contact Child health Nurse 99493683 or hospital 99493666 in relation to appointments.

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