

Welcome

Our sessions are set up with a numbering system. As you arrive, you will see our administration desk. Please come to the desk and take a number, then have a seat. Children are welcome to play with the toys provided during your visit to our session.

Your number will be called by our Immunisation Officer at the administration desk. Please bring your infant book and Medicare Card.

Our Immunisation Officer may ask you to complete some paperwork, will check your child's infant book, discuss which vaccines your child will be having, stamp the infant book and give you a Pre-Immunisation Checklist for you to read **prior to the immunisations.**



Please take a seat and our Immunisation Coordinator will call your number and take you to where the nurses are ready for you and your child. *This is your opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have with the Coordinator and nurses.* The Coordinator will run through with you how the vaccines will be given and how to embrace your child.

Once the vaccines are administered, you will be given a Common Reactions sheet which will return with you to the waiting area to read.

To ensure your child's safety, we request that you stay for at least 15 minutes post-immunisation so that your child can be attended to if required. You can rest assured that our nurses are fully qualified to deal with any situation that may arise.

Further Information:

Our website carries comprehensive information on vaccines, possible reactions, how to obtain an immunisation history, as well as links to other relevant sites: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/immunisation



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Parents Guide to Immunisation



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Victorian Immunisation Schedule (Government Funded)

Child's Age	Disease Name
2 Months/earlier than 42 days old (2 needles & 1 oral vaccine)	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis combined with Poliomyelitis Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib) combined with Hepatitis B Pneumococcal Rotavirus
4 Months (2 needles & 1 oral vaccine)	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis combined with Poliomyelitis Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib) combined with Hepatitis B Pneumococcal Rotavirus
6 Months (24 weeks & 1 needle)	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis combined with Poliomyelitis Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib) combined with Hepatitis B
12 Months (3 needles)	Measles, Mumps, Rubella Meningococcal ACWY Pneumococcal
18 months (3 needles)	Measles Mumps Rubella Varicella (Chicken Pox), Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib)
4 Years (1 needle)	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis combined with Poliomyelitis
Year 7 (visit the school two times a year)	Human Papilloma Virus HPV (x 2 doses) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis
Year 10	Meningococcal ACWY

Attending our immunisation sessions

Gone are the days of mass immunisation: a time where parents lined up for hours at inappropriate venues to have their children immunised.

South Gippsland Shire Council is committed to providing a professional service in a comfortable and safe environment.

Our Accredited Immunisation nurses are trained to administer vaccines and are able to advise parents on the best ways to treat any reactions to vaccines in sensitive children.

Immunisation sessions are held regularly in various towns throughout the municipality and are supervised by trained staff to ensure the safety of all those being immunised. See our "Immunisation Schedule" for more information on venues and times.

All vaccines listed in the "Australian Standard Vaccine Schedule" are administered for free by experienced practitioners.



Tips for parents on the day

- Dress your child in comfortable clothing that allows easy access to arms and legs.
- Due to improved vaccines which cause fewer reactions, it is not necessary to give paracetamol before any vaccine in the new schedule. However you may wish to administer this if your child becomes unsettled following the immunisation.
- Don't forget your green/blue Child Health Record book and your Medicare card.
- Do not hesitate to ask the nurse any questions, before the vaccine is administered.
- Do not make your schedule too busy on the day of immunisation.
- Wait a full 15 minutes after any vaccine is administered.
- If you wish, you can bring a pram or stroller. This makes it easier if you are asked to fill-in or sign any forms.
- If you are anxious, bring a friend who can hold your child while the vaccines are administered.
- Bring your child's favourite toy.

