

Navigating the online Australian Immunisation Handbook

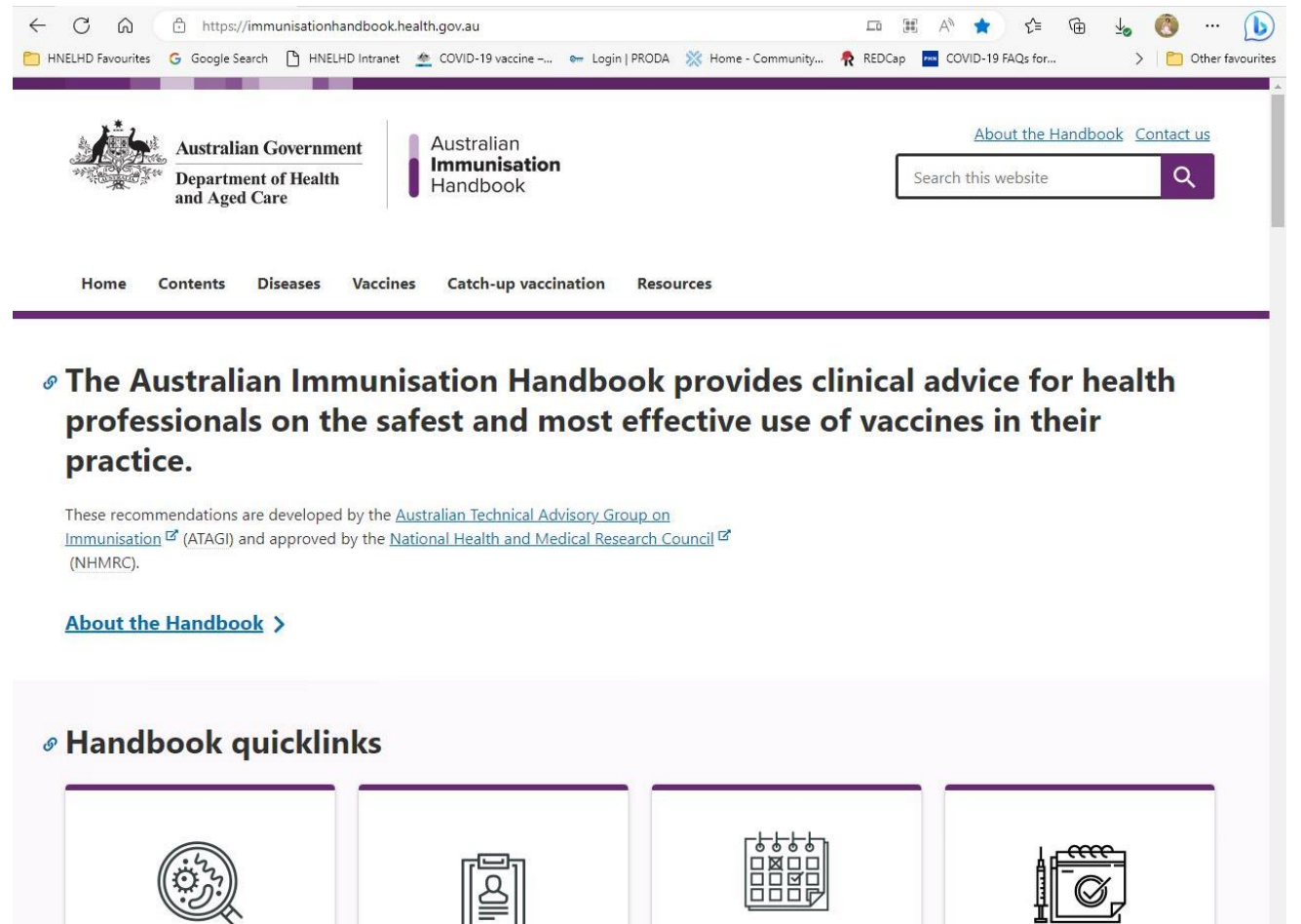
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Finding the Australian Immunisation Handbook online



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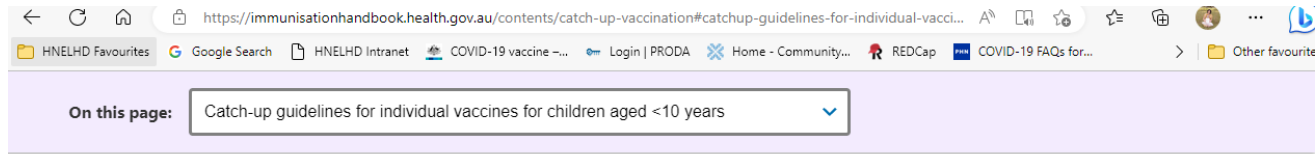
Immunisation Recommendations by disease



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/vaccine-preventable-diseases>. The page has a navigation menu with 'Home', 'Contents', 'Diseases', 'Vaccines', 'Catch-up vaccination', and 'Resources'. Below the menu, there are links for 'Listen', 'Print', and 'Share'. The main heading is 'Vaccine preventable diseases', followed by a sub-heading: 'Information about vaccine preventable diseases, vaccines and recommendations for vaccination from the Australian Immunisation Handbook'. On the left, there is a list of disease links: Cholera, COVID-19, Diphtheria, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, and Human papillomavirus (HPV). On the right, there is a 'Table of contents' section with a list of items: About the handbook, Fundamentals of immunisation, Vaccination procedures, Catch-up vaccination, Vaccination for special risk groups, Vaccine preventable diseases (highlighted), Cholera, and COVID-19.

<https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/vaccine-preventable-diseases>

Catch-up recommendations



🔗 Catch-up guidelines for individual vaccines for children aged <10 years

Consider this advice on catch-up for individual vaccines alongside the [general principles of catch-up vaccination](#).

For each vaccine in this section, the minimum acceptable age is listed for the 1st dose of scheduled vaccines in infants. However, there may be special circumstances where children may need to be vaccinated earlier than routinely recommended. Special circumstances may include infants or children being vaccinated:

- during an outbreak of a certain disease or after exposure to someone with the disease
- before overseas travel
- opportunistically if they see a provider early

The ages for vaccination in these circumstances can differ from routinely recommended ages for vaccination under the National Immunisation Program schedule.

In some cases, these ages will also result in the dose not being considered by the Australian Immunisation Register as 'valid' for calculating immunisation status. This is noted under the relevant vaccines in this section.

See also:

- [Table. Minimum acceptable age for the 1st dose of scheduled vaccines in infants](#)
- [Table. Minimum acceptable dose intervals for children <10 years of age](#)

🔗 DTPa vaccine

Children <10

<https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/catch-up-vaccination#catchup-guidelines-for-individual-vaccines-for-children-aged-10-years>

People >10

<https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/catch-up-vaccination#catchup-schedules-for-people-aged-10-years>

Minimum Intervals between vaccines



The screenshot shows the Australian Immunisation Handbook website. The browser address bar displays the URL: <https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/resources?keywords=minimum>. The page header includes the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care logo, the Australian Immunisation Handbook title, and a search bar. The navigation menu includes Home, Contents, Diseases, Vaccines, Catch-up vaccination, and Resources. The main content area is titled 'Resources' and includes a search bar with the word 'minimum' entered. Below the search bar, it indicates '12 result(s) found, displaying 1 to 12'. The first result is a table titled 'Table. Minimum acceptable age for the 1st dose of scheduled vaccines in infants', dated 27 September 2021.

Children <10

Table. Minimum acceptable dose intervals for children (health.gov.au)

People >10

Table. Catch-up schedule for people ≥10 years of age (for vaccines recommended on a population level) | The Australian Immunisation Handbook (health.gov.au)

Variations from product information



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The product information for all meningococcal vaccines states that there are no data on the use of these vaccines in lactating women. The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) recommends that breastfeeding women can receive meningococcal vaccines.

MenQuadfi

The product information for MenQuadfi states that a single booster dose can be given to adolescents and adults who have been primed with meningococcal vaccine at least 4 years prior.

ATAGI recommends that people of all ages with ongoing increased risk of invasive meningococcal disease can receive booster doses:

- for people ≤ 6 years of age when they finished the primary course — 3 years after completing the primary schedule, then every 5 years after that
- for people ≥ 7 years of age when they finished the primary course — every 5 years after completing the primary schedule

Menveo

The product information for Menveo states that the vaccine is for use in people aged ≥ 2 months. ATAGI recommends that the vaccine can be given to people aged ≥ 6 weeks.

MenQuadfi, Menveo and Nimenrix

The product information for MenQuadfi, Menveo and Nimenrix state that vaccine should be administered as a single dose to people aged ≥ 2 years.

Meningococcal chapter linked as an example.

Variations from product information exist in each vaccine preventable diseases chapter

<https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/vaccine-preventable-diseases/meningococcal-disease#variations-from-product-information>

Vaccination for special risk groups



The screenshot shows the Australian Immunisation Handbook website. The page title is "Vaccination for special risk groups". The navigation menu includes Home, Contents, Diseases, Vaccines, Catch-up vaccination, and Resources. The main content area lists several vaccination topics with "UPDATED" tags: "Vaccination for people who are immunocompromised", "Vaccination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people", "Vaccination for preterm infants", "Vaccination for women who are planning pregnancy, pregnant or breastfeeding", "Vaccination before or after anaesthesia or surgery", and "Vaccination for people at occupational risk". A "Table of contents" sidebar on the right lists: "About the handbook", "Fundamentals of immunisation", "Vaccination procedures", "Catch-up vaccination", and "Vaccination for special risk groups". The "Vaccination for special risk groups" item is highlighted in purple.

<https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/vaccination-for-special-risk-groups>

Vaccination for people who are immunocompromised | The Australian Immunisation Handbook (health.gov.au)

Table. Recommendations for revaccination after haematopoietic stem cell transplant in children and adults | The Australian Immunisation Handbook (health.gov.au)