



Vaccine Update 495 – Updated immunisation schedules, updated campaign resources, Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) enhancements, administration errors, upcoming change to the Act-HIB vaccine presentation, new national immunisation dashboards.

Updates to the Western Australian (WA) Immunisation Schedules

The [WA Immunisation Schedule](#) and [WA Aboriginal Immunisation Schedule](#) has been updated to include the following programmatic changes:

- FluMist® is now funded in WA for all children and adolescents aged 2 to 17 years
- the Free Influenza Vaccine Program has been extended until 31 July 2026, ensuring that all Western Australian's aged 6 months or older are eligible for a free influenza vaccine throughout July
- the new adult pneumococcal vaccination program through the National Immunisation Program, commenced 1 July 2026
- expanded eligibility for the 2026 regional WA diphtheria outbreak vaccination program

Updated campaign resources

The Be Wise, Immunise resources, including toolkits for providers, schools and early childcare providers, have been updated to include information regarding the 2026 WA Health Nasal Spray Influenza Vaccine Program eligibility expansion and the Free Influenza Vaccine Program extension. Resources such as posters and brochures have also been updated to reflect the new program dates. Updated information can be accessed here: [Campaign Be Wise Immunise](#).

Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) enhancements

On 27 June 2026, AIR enhancements were implemented, including:

- the introduction of [due and overdue rules](#) for RSV immunisation for older Australians applying to the following cohorts eligible for RSV immunisation through the National Immunisation Program (NIP):
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 60 years and over
 - adults aged 75 years and over.
- the addition of Capvaxive® (vaccine code: CAPVAX) and updates to the pneumococcal due and overdue rules for older Australians applying to the following cohorts
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 25 years and over
 - adults aged 65 years and over.
- updates to the FluMist® vaccine to prevent vaccination providers from selecting 'NIP/Commonwealth' when reporting FluMist® administrations.
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Display of due information and reminder letters

- Due information will display for vaccination providers in the AIR site and clinical information software (integrated with the AIR).
- An individual's Immunisation History Statement will display when they are due for an RSV and/or Pneumococcal vaccine, and a reminder letter will be sent if they become overdue.

Updates to FluMist® vaccine

- Approximately 50% of FluMist® administrations have been reported incorrectly to the AIR, as 'NIP/Commonwealth' via the 'Vaccine type' field.
- As FluMist® is only funded through state and territory programs or purchased privately, these administrations should be reported as 'Other'.
- To address this:
 - the AIR was updated on 15 June 2026 to prevent vaccination providers from selecting 'NIP/Commonwealth' when reporting FluMist® administrations.
 - Services Australia is retrospectively updating all existing FluMist® records in the AIR to ensure they are correctly recorded as 'Other'.

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Administration errors

Recent reports to the WA Vaccine Safety Surveillance (WAVSS) system identified vaccine administration errors involving influenza vaccines, particularly FluMist® and Fludac® being recorded as administered outside their registered age groups.

Immunisation providers are encouraged to check vaccine age indications before administration. Please see the Therapeutic Goods Administration's Medicine Safety Update, [Be alert to FluMist® indicated age range](#), for more information.

Upcoming change to the Act-HIB vaccine presentation

From October 2026, the Act-HIB vaccine available through the National Immunisation Program (NIP) will transition to multi-dose 10 pack presentations only, as the manufacture of single pack presentations will be discontinued globally. This consolidation delivers the following benefits:

- continued availability: patients will still have access to the vaccines they need, ensuring no disruption in supply
- continued product quality and shelf life: Act-HIB retains its 48-month shelf life, providing flexibility in procurement planning and stock management

New national immunisation dashboards

New national [immunisation dashboards](#) using [Australian Immunisation Register \(AIR\)](#) data are available on the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing's website.

The dashboard suite includes:

- childhood vaccination
- adolescent vaccination
- older Australians
- respiratory vaccination

These dashboards have been developed to provide timely, consistent, and transparent access to national immunisation data to improve transparency and access to information. Data can be filtered by:

- state and territory and Statistical Area Level 3 location
- age
- First Nations status
- provider type
- gender

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- antenatal indicator (Respiratory Vaccine Dashboard only).

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