

# Starting primary school?

## Immunisation information for parents enrolling a child

### By law, your child must have an immunisation status certificate to enrol in primary school.

#### Why immunise?

Children starting school are exposed to a large number of people and to a range of potentially dangerous diseases.

Immunisation is a proven and safe way to be protected against diseases that cause serious illness and sometimes death.

Enrolling in primary school is a good time to check your child's immunisations are up to date.

#### What is an immunisation status certificate?

It is a statement showing the immunisations your child has received.

By law, you must provide an immunisation status certificate to the primary school when enrolling your child.

If your child has not received any immunisations, you must still provide a certificate.

The school keeps a copy of the certificate so that, in the event of a disease outbreak, unimmunised children can be quickly identified and excluded from school until the risk of infection has passed.

If you do not provide the certificate to the school your child may also be excluded from school as their immunisation status will be unknown.

Homeopathic treatment is not a legally recognised form of immunisation and cannot be listed on an immunisation status certificate.

#### How do I obtain an immunisation status certificate?

##### From the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register

- phone 1800 653 809 or
- email [acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au](mailto:acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au)
- [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/online](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/online)
- visit your local Medicare Office.

The most common type of immunisation status certificate is a *Child History Statement* from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR).

You will be sent this statement when your child turns five years old, however you can request a certificate at any time.

You should also contact ACIR if you:

- are moving or have recently moved, to ensure your contact details are up to date
- think your child's statement is incomplete or incorrect.

##### From your doctor or local council

If your child is not eligible for a Medicare card, then contact your doctor or local council immunisation service who will be able to assist you in obtaining an immunisation status certificate.

#### How can I find out more?

For more information and for translated versions of this document go to [www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation)



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## ACIR Immunisation History Statement – fully immunised child

Children who have received all of their scheduled immunisations by 3½ - 4 years of age will receive an up to date ACIR Immunisation History Statement showing that the child does not require any further vaccinations before starting primary school.



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**Immunisation history statement - online version**

**As at:** 12 June 2013

**For:** MARCOS O MYERS

**Date of birth:** 01 January 2008

**Immunisation status:** up to date



Schedule	Immunisation	Date given	Brand name given	Provider type
2 months	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hepatitis B	01 Mar 2008	Infanrix Hexa	GP
	Polio Hib		Prevenar 7	
	Pneumococcal		RotaTeq	
	Rotavirus			
4 months	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hepatitis B	07 May 2008	Infanrix Hexa	GP
	Polio Hib		Prevenar 7	
	Pneumococcal		RotaTeq	
	Rotavirus			
6 months	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hepatitis B	07 Jul 2008	Infanrix Hexa	GP
	Polio Hib		Prevenar 7	
	Pneumococcal		RotaTeq	
	Rotavirus			
12 months	Hib	03 Jan 2009	Hiberix	GP
	Measles Mumps Rubella		Priorix	
	Meningococcal C		Meningitec	
18 months	Varicella	30 Jun 2009	Varilrix	GP
4 years	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Polio	04 Jan 2012	Infanrix-IPV	GP
	Measles Mumps Rubella		Priorix	
<b>Next immunisation(s) due</b>			<b>Date due</b>	

This child has received all vaccines required by 5 years of age.

This child is fully immunised.

Select 'Up to Date – Immunisation History Statement' in your Immunisation Register drop down list.