## **Childhood Immunisation Schedule Tasmania**

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Age	Brand	Disease/Antigen/Antibody	Notes
Birth	H-B-Vax <sup>®</sup> II Paediatric	Hepatitis B (usually offered in hospital)	Preferably within 24 hours of birth but can be given within the first 7 days of life. No catch-up required.
During RSV season (1 April to 30 Sept) From birth to <8 months for eligible infants	Beyfortus <sup>®</sup> (Nirsevimab)	Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	Assess for eligibility. <b>Not routinely required if protected by maternal vaccination.</b> Can be given at the same time as routine infant and childhood vaccines.  Give once only to eligible infants born from 1 October 2024 and aged < 8 months old. See the <u>Australian Immunisation Handbook-RSV chapter</u> and the <u>RSV Maternal and Infant Protection Program 2025</u> on the Tasmanian Department of Health website. Dose is weight and age dependent.
2 months (can be given from 6 weeks of age)	Infanrix hexa® or Vaxelis®  Prevenar 13®  Rotarix® (oral)  *Bexsero®	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, polio, Hib (DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib) Pneumococcal (13vPCV) Rotavirus Meningococcal B (Aboriginal children)	Rotarix <sup>®</sup> : First dose must be given before 15 weeks of age.  Prophylactic paracetamol recommended.
4 months	Infanrix hexa® or Vaxelis®  Prevenar 13®  Rotarix® (oral)  *Bexsero®	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, polio, Hib (DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib) Pneumococcal (13vPCV) Rotavirus  Meningococcal B (Aboriginal children)	Rotarix®: The second dose must be given before 25 weeks of age. Minimum interval 4 weeks from dose 1.  Prophylactic paracetamol recommended.
6 months	Infanrix hexa® or Vaxelis®	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, polio, Hib (DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib)	Two months minimum interval required between second and third dose of Hepatitis B.
	Prevenar 13®	Pneumococcal (13vPCV) (Children with medical risk conditions)	An additional (3rd) dose is required for all children with <u>specified medical risk conditions</u> as per the Australian Immunisation Handbook- Pneumococcal disease.
	*Bexsero®	Meningococcal B (Aboriginal children with medical risk conditions)	Additional dose for Aboriginal children with <u>specified medical risk conditions</u> . Prophylactic paracetamol recommended.
6 months to <5 years (annually)	Age-appropriate influenza	Influenza	Administer annually. Children aged 6 months to less than 9 years of age receiving influenza vaccine for the first time need 2 doses, at least 4 weeks apart. One dose annually in subsequent years.  All Aboriginal children aged over 6 months are eligible for funded influenza vaccines.
During RSV season (1 April to 30 Sept) From 8 months to 24 months for those at high-risk only	Beyfortus <sup>®</sup> (Nirsevimab)	Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	Infants and young children 8 to 24 months of age who are at risk of severe RSV disease may be eligible to receive Beyfortus® before their 2nd RSV season (April to September).  See the Australian Immunisation Handbook-RSV section and the RSV Maternal and Infant Protection Program 2025 on the Tasmanian Department of Health website.
12 months	Nimenrix <sup>®</sup> M-M-R <sup>®</sup> II or Priorix <sup>®</sup> Prevenar 13 <sup>®</sup>	Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) Pneumococcal (13vPCV)	
	H-B-Vax <sup>®</sup> II Paediatric	Hepatitis B	Additional dose for low birthweight (<2000g) and/or pre-term babies (<32 weeks gestation).
	*Bexsero®	Meningococcal B (Aboriginal children)	Prophylactic paracetamol recommended.
18 months	ActHIB <sup>®</sup> Priorix-Tetra <sup>®</sup> Infanrix <sup>®</sup> or Tripacel <sup>®</sup>	Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (MMRV) Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTPa)	MMRV should not be used as the 1st dose of measles-containing vaccine in children <4 years of age.
4 years	Infanrix IPV <sup>®</sup> or QuadraceI <sup>®</sup> Pneumovax 23 <sup>®</sup>	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio (DTPa/IPV) Pneumococcal (Children with medical risk conditions)	For children born less than 28 weeks gestation and those with <u>certain risk conditions for pneumococcal disease</u> Administer first dose of 23vPPV at age 4 years, followed by second dose of 23vPPV at least 5 years later.

- People less than 20 years of age who have a Medicare card, refugees and humanitarian entrants of all ages are eligible for free catch-up vaccines.
- \*Aboriginal children aged 6 months to less than 2 years of age are eligible for meningococcal B vaccines if missed at the recommended schedule points.
- COVID-19 vaccination may be considered and/or recommended for infants and children with conditions that increase the risk of severe COVID-19 illness (refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook)

For further advice contact the **Tasmanian Department of Health** by email **immunisation@health.tas.gov.au** or phone 1800 671 738