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# Starting or moving kindergarten or schools – immunisation records

## Why is immunisation important?

Some diseases, like measles and mumps, can be very serious for children, and other people in the community.

In places where people are in close contact, like kindergartens and schools, diseases can spread fast.

**Protect your child by making sure they have had all their immunisations.**

Free vaccinations are available from your doctor, local immunisation clinic, Aboriginal community health services, and the Central Immunisation Clinic.

## What do I have to do when my child starts kindergarten or school?

When your child starts kindergarten or school, you need to give the school your child's Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) immunisation history statement.

This is required so WA Department of Health can provide support to parents/guardians of under-immunised children, and to enable schools to help reduce the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases.

The law also requires your child's immunisation status to be 'up to date' to enrol in kindergarten programs.

[healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation)

## What is an AIR immunisation history statement?

An AIR immunisation history statement is a record of your child's immunisation history.

## How do I get a copy of my child's AIR immunisation history statement?

A copy of your child's immunisation history statement is posted to you when your child completes their childhood immunisation schedule.

You can also access a statement at any time by:

- logging into Medicare online via MyGov ([my.gov.au](http://my.gov.au))
- using the Medicare Express Plus app ([servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/subjects/express-plus-mobile-app](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/subjects/express-plus-mobile-app))
- visiting a Medicare or Centrelink office, or
- calling the AIR General Enquiries Line on 1800 653 809.

## When do I need to give the school my child's immunisation history?

Whenever your child enrolls, the law says that you must give the school your child's AIR immunisation history statement. This includes enrolling your child into:

- pre-kindergarten or kindergarten
- pre-primary
- secondary school
- a new school.

## What if my child was vaccinated overseas?

Overseas immunisation records must be verified and updated in the child's AIR record by an Australian immunisation provider. This update in AIR may take up to a few weeks. Following the update to the child's AIR record, parents can then access an updated AIR immunisation history statement. Children who are not registered with Medicare can still have an AIR record.

## What if my child is fully vaccinated but their AIR immunisation history statement is missing vaccine records?

If you think a vaccine record is missing from your child's AIR immunisation history statement, please ask your vaccination provider to update the AIR.

Alternatively, please email a photo of your child's vaccination records to your local public health unit and the AIR records will be updated accordingly.

## What if I have not immunised my child for medical or other reasons?

You are still required to provide a copy of child's AIR immunisation history statement on application for enrolment into a kindergarten program or school, even if your child has not been immunised.

### Contacts

#### Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

Phone: 1800 653 809

#### Central Immunisation Clinic, West Perth

Phone: 9321 1312

8.30am – 4.30pm weekdays

#### Your local doctor

#### Your local public health unit

[healthywa.wa.gov.au/publichealthunits](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/publichealthunits)

#### healthdirect

Phone: 1800 022 222

### More information

#### Department of Health

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