

# November 2018

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- *Yellow Fever new training requirements factsheet*

## New Yellow Fever Accreditation requirements

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/yellow-fever-centres.aspx>

The Australian Government Department of Health has developed [National Guidelines for Yellow Fever Vaccination Centres and Providers](#). The guidelines aim to provide a nationally consistent approach to yellow fever vaccination and provide guidance on minimum requirements for yellow fever vaccination and accreditation procedures. The guidelines include changes to yellow fever accreditation requirements for yellow fever vaccination centres and practitioners.

## What are the changes to yellow fever vaccination accreditation?

Individual practitioners prescribing yellow fever vaccination will now be required to successfully complete the online Yellow Fever Vaccination Learning Module every three years.

## When do the changes come into effect?

On 26 November 2018, the new training requirement for prescribers of the yellow fever vaccine will be introduced along with new guidelines.

Existing Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre providers are required to complete the course within the next three years, i.e. by 26 November 2021 and provide evidence of completion to their Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre.

Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre's will be required to provide details of all their practising yellow fever vaccine providers to their local public health unit.

New applications for approval as a Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre will require evidence of completion of the course for all practitioners seeking to prescribe the yellow fever vaccination at the centre.

**We love helping!**

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## PERTUSSIS (WHOOPING COUGH) ALERT

Information for NSW General Practitioners & Aboriginal Medical Services

*Please distribute this information to all staff*



Health

1. Cases of pertussis are increasing across NSW, particularly among school aged children
2. Patients with symptoms consistent with pertussis should be tested, and restricted from attending school, childcare, or work until pertussis is excluded or 5 days of appropriate antibiotic therapy have been completed
3. Testing of asymptomatic contacts is not recommended

## In case you missed this!

The NCIRS Seminar Series on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) and The Australian Immunisation Handbook.

<http://www.ncirs.edu.au/news-and-events/ncirs-seminar-series/>



Health

Hunter New England  
Local Health District

## Cold Chain management this summer

Do not overstock your fridge with vaccines.

### Christmas vaccine deliveries:

- Vaccine orders should be submitted by **3pm Wednesday 19th December** for delivery Friday 21st December.
- Routine deliveries will recommence from Wednesday 2nd January but orders can continue to be placed online during this period.

### Questions to ask about storing vaccines over the summer months:

1. Does your facility have the ability to record min/max temperatures during a power outage?
2. Do the built-in min/max thermometers and data loggers have battery back-up?
3. Are there staff on duty over the holiday period who know how to download temperature loggers?

**If you need to transfer vaccines to alternative storage during power outages, ensure there is a continuous record of min/max temperatures for the whole period, including during the transfer.**

**If we can determine min/max temps for the whole period during a power outage, we may be able to save vaccines.**

## Transition of HPV vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register

The records of HPV vaccinations held by the National HPV Vaccination Program Register (HPV Register), operated by the VCS Foundation, have now been transferred to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

The HPV Register will operate until 31 December 2018. Please contact the AIR on 1800 653 809 with any queries.

### HPV Register Web Portal Closure - 30 November 2018

Attached to this newsletter is further information for providers and consumers regarding this transition.

### Want a response to your feedback regarding the online

### Australian Immunisation Handbook ?

Last newsletter we suggested to assist in making the Immunisation handbook user friendly using the link at the bottom left online, however there is another avenue to provide feedback, at the top right hand corner, which allows you to leave an email address for a response. ***Don't hesitate to report any concerns!***

**Let us know what you think.**

