To the Point Immunisation Newsletter

Week ending 18 February 2016

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The immunisation team use a roster system to take calls from providers and the public regarding immunisation questions. To contact an immunistion officer please phone 49246477 (Newcastle) or 67648000 (Tamworth) then press 1, 1

HNELHD Immunisation Contact Details:

For Immunisation queries phone 49246477 during working hours

Fax: 49246490

NSW GOVERNMENT Health
Hunter New England Local Health District

Annual immunisation education updates

Are now on our website at:

www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/hneph/Immunisation/Pages/education.aspx

Download the registration form from the above link and fax to 49246490.

2016 Program

Date	Day	Place	Time
18 February	Thursday	Primary Health Network *Muloobinda Room* Suite 11, 125 Bull Street Newcastle **Practice Nurses**	1 - 5pm
22 February	Monday	Calvary St Joseph's Retirement Community 240 Maitland Road Sandgate	1 - 5pm
25 February	Thursday	John Hunter Hospital *Small Lecture theatre 6067* Lookout Road New Lambton	1 - 5pm
29 February	Monday	Maitland Hospital *3rd Floor Education room* 550-560 High St Maitland	1 - 5pm

ZIKA VIRUS ALERT

Information for NSW Obstetricians & Midwives

Please distribute this information to all staff

NSW GOVERNMENT Health

Key points for Obstetricians & Midwives:

1. **Travel warnings are in place for pregnant women intending to travel to areas with active Zika virus transmission.**
2. **Zika virus outbreaks in the Americas and the Pacific have suggested a possible link between maternal infection and congenital microcephaly.**

Zika pathway is now live through HNE Health Pathways at https://hne.healthpathways.org.au/index.htm

Other useful links

The Lancet Zika virus resource centre

http://thelancet.com/campaigns/zika?utm_source=TLWetoc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=zika

Australia DFAT - Smartraveller

https://smartraveller.gov.au/bulletins/zika_virus

NO JAB NO PAY

This legislation commenced on 1 January 2016 and only parents of children (less than 20 years of age) who are fully immunised or are on a recognised catch-up schedule can receive the Child Care Benefit, the Child Care Rebate and the Family Tax Benefit Part A end of year supplement.

What do you need to do:

1. Check immunisation status :

For childhood vaccines - check on the ACIR

For school vaccines - ring Newcastle PHU on 49246477

2. Develop a catch-up schedule:

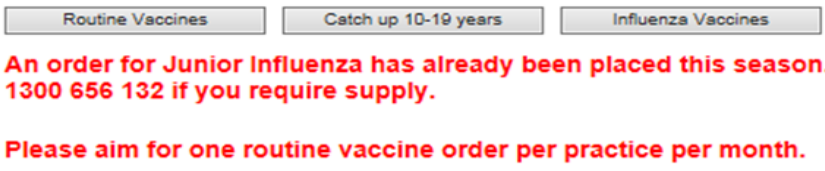
No previous vaccines given - Use the attached generic templates for any person up to 20 years

Has received some vaccines - work out a catch-up schedule, or contact an immunisation officer on 49246477 to assist.

3. Give missed vaccines

ORDERING FREE CATCH-UP VACCINES

The vaccines for the catch-up of people aged 10 to up to 20 years are now able to be ordered online, there is a new tab and they can be ordered independently from your routine order.



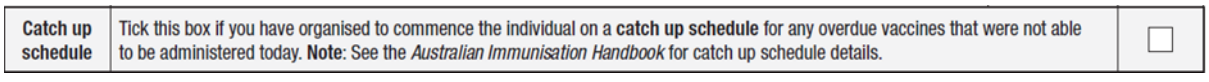
4. REPORT CATCH-UP, MISSING AND OVERSEAS VACCINATIONS ONTO ACIR FOR ALL PEOPLE UP TO 20 YEARS

Online to the ACIR at www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/services/medicare/hpos - if you haven't already registered for online access to ACIR - click on Register at this link.

Via ACIR History Form - available from www.humanservices.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/im013-1601en.pdf

If you are doing this online and the person's record is not visible the provider will need to ring ACIR on 1800 653 809 and ask them to add the child, you will need correct Medicare No., name and DOB. (Check if child was known under any other name as this could be the reason you can't find them on ACIR). If you are experiencing problems with recording vaccines given online, please give us a ring.

If all vaccines due can't be given at the first visit - complete the above ACIR History Form and go to the bottom of Part A and tick this box.



5. If required, complete form for medical exemption or natural immunity

ACIR Immunisation Medical Exemption form (IM011)

If a parent/carer does not wish to vaccinate their child, they will not receive any payment linked to vaccinations, however, in NSW, they can still enrol their child in childcare. To do this they will require completion of a new form, titled New Interim Vaccination Objection Form and available from here.

www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Documents/vaccination-objection-form-for-child-care-centres.pdf

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Overseas vaccinations

If a patient had recently arrived or returned to Australia and their child was immunised overseas, they need to give you evidence of their child's overseas vaccinations so you can update the Immunisation Register. A translation services of their child's immunisation evidence is available from the Department of Social Services Settlement and Mulicultural Affairs (click here for the link) Free Translating Service[17] on the Department of Social Services website.

http://www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/forms/im013

Some parents of adolescents have received Centrelink letters re No Jab No Pay and when checking on ACIR, they are fully vaccinated. The most likely reason these individuals received a letter from Centrelink is because a link does not currently exist between the ACIR and Centrelink systems to enable Centrelink to know if an individual's immunisations are up to date or not.

It is up to the customer to contact Centrelink and they can do this by phoning 136 150, or by using their Centrelink Online account to request a link to be established.

Once this contact has occurred and the customer has provided the child's correct Medicare card number details to Centrelink, the link will be established overnight.

HOW CAN PARENTS GET A COPY OF THEIR CHILDS IMMUNISATION RECORDS

BY PHONE

Once all vaccinations are given and recorded on ACIR (including the school vaccination records which we can add) you can advise the parent or person if they are older than 14 years to ring ACIR on 1800 653 809 and request an Immunisation History Statement of all vaccines given and recorded on ACIR to the postal address registered on Medicare. **(If the parent is ringing about a child over 14 years, the child will need to be present to give permission over the phone)**

ONLINE

Applying online at MYGOV to get an electronic Immunisation History Statement send via email.

Children over 14 years - Will need to create their own MYGOV account at:

https://my.gov.au/EnrolService/enrolService.htm?_flowId=enrolment-mg-flow&_flowExecutionKey=e1s1

Once they have a MYGOV account they can view and request an Immunisation History Statement

Children under 14 years – can be viewed on parents MYGOV account.

INFLUENZA 2016

Orders for 2016 influenza vaccine can now be placed however please do not place a second order until you have received the first order in your practice.