

# Welcome

Our sessions are set up with a numbering system. Please come in, take a number and sit down in our waiting area. Children are welcome to play with the toys provided. Your number will be called by our Immunisation Officer at the administration desk. Please bring your infant book and Medicare Card.

Our Immunisation Officer may ask you to complete some paperwork, will check your child's infant book, discuss which vaccines your child will be having, stamp the infant book and give you a Pre-Immunisation Checklist for you to read prior to the immunisations.



Shortly after completing the paperwork, our Immunisation Coordinator will call your number and take you to where the nurses are ready for you and your child. This is your opportunity to discuss any concerns or ask questions.

The Coordinator will run through the vaccines to be given and you will be shown how to best hold your child.

Once the vaccines are administered, you will be given a Common Reactions sheet and you can return to the waiting area.

**You need to stay for at least 15 minutes after the vaccine is given.**

Adverse reactions to a vaccine are rare but must be treated seriously. They usually occur within the first 15 minutes. Our nurses are fully trained to provide medical assistance if required.

## Further Information:

Our website provides comprehensive information on vaccines, possible reactions, obtaining school entry certificates/histories, as well as links to many other relevant sites: For current Session Timetable with dates, times and venues go to: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au)



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# Parents Guide to Immunisation



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# Victorian Immunisation Schedule (Government Funded)

Child's Age	Disease Name
2 Months (2 needles & 1 oral vaccine)  <b>From 6 weeks</b>	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis combined with Poliomyelitis Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib) combined with Hepatitis B Pneumococcal Rotavirus
4 Months (2 needles & 1 oral vaccine)	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis combined with Poliomyelitis Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib) combined with Hepatitis B Pneumococcal Rotavirus
6 Months (2 needles & 1 oral vaccine)	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis combined with Poliomyelitis Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib) combined with Hepatitis B Pneumococcal Rotavirus
12 Months (2 needles)	Measles, Mumps, Rubella Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib) Meningococcal C
18 months (2 needles)	Varicella (Chicken Pox) Measles Mumps Rubella Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis
4 Years (2 needles)	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis combined with Poliomyelitis Measles Mumps Rubella (if not given at 18 months)
Year 7 (visit the school 3 times a year)	Varicella (Chicken Pox) Human Papilloma Virus (x3 doses) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis

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## Attending our immunisation sessions

Gone are the days of mass immunisation: a time where parents lined up for hours at inappropriate venues to have their children immunised.

South Gippsland Shire Council is committed to providing a professional service in a comfortable and safe environment.

Our Accredited Immunisation nurses are trained to administer vaccines and are able to advise parents on the best ways to treat any reactions to vaccines in sensitive children.

Immunisation sessions are held regularly in various towns throughout the municipality and are supervised by trained staff, to ensure the safety of all those being immunised. See our "Immunisation Schedule" for more information on venues and times.

All vaccines listed in the "Australian Standard Vaccine Schedule" are administered for free by experienced practitioners.



## Tips for parents on the day

- Dress your child in comfortable clothing that allows easy access to arms and legs.
- Due to improved vaccines, which cause fewer reactions, it is not necessary to give paracetamol before any vaccine in the new schedule. However you may wish to administer this if your child becomes unsettled following the immunisation.
- Don't forget your blue/green Child Health Record book and your Medicare card.
- Do not hesitate to ask the nurse any questions, before the vaccine is administered.
- Do not make your schedule too busy on the day of immunisation.
- Wait a full 15 minutes after any vaccine is administered.
- If you wish, you can bring a pram or stroller. This makes it easier if you are asked to fill-in or sign any forms.
- If you are feeling anxious, bring a friend who can hold your child while the vaccines are administered.
- Bring your child's favourite toy.



**WE ALSO OFFER SOME  
ADULT IMMUNISATIONS  
(FEES MAY APPLY)**