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Your child's immunisation records will be forwarded to the National Immunisation Register. This data base is used to process school entry immunisation certificates and family allowances relating to immunisation.

What if I miss a session or can't attend on the organised date?

You may attend a later session at another venue in the same month or your regular session the next month. You do not have to pre-book or notify Council of the change. However, you should be aware that some vaccines have strict time frames and cut-off ages and any delays could mean that your child would become ineligible.

Access and Eligibility

Our immunisation sessions are for people of all ages and everyone is welcome to attend. All our venues are accessible by pram and wheelchairs. Some vaccines are available for purchase (ie vaccines that are not on the funded schedule or outside the eligibility criteria). Payment can be made directly at the immunisation venues.

How to contact us

- Banyule Immunisation Services – 9490 4222
- E-mail: enquiries@banyule.vic.gov.au

More information

- Immunisation Infoline - 9345 6399
- Medicare - Immunisation Register – 1800 653 809
- Department of Human Services (DHS):
Immunisation Program - 1300 882 008
www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation
- Royal Children's Hospital - 9345 5522
- NURSE-ON-CALL - 1300 60 60 24
- Maternal Child Health Nurse Line - 132 229

Information in other Languages

Immunisation information in other languages is available on the following websites:
DHS - www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation
Australian Gov. Department Health & Ageing - www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise

How to contact your Council

For all enquiries or information about any Council services:

Telephone: **9490 4222**

Email: enquiries@banyule.vic.gov.au

Website: www.banyule.vic.gov.au

Fax: 9499 9475

If your hearing or speech is impaired, you can call us through the National Relay Service on **133 677** (TTY) or **1300 555 727** (ordinary handset) and ask for 94904222.

Interpreter service:

If you need an interpreter, please contact TIS National on 131 450 and ask to be connected to Banyule Council on 9490 4222.

إذا كنتم بحاجة إلى مترجم، الرجاء الاتصال بالخط القومي لخدمة الترجمة الهاتفية TIS على الرقم 131 450، واطلبوا إيصالكم ببلدية بانويل على الرقم 9490 4222.

若你需要口譯員，請致電131 450聯絡TIS National，要求他們為你致電9490 4222接通Banyule市政廳。

Ako vam je potreban tumač, molimo vas, nazovite TIS National na broj 131 450 i zatražite da vas se spoji sa Vijećem općine Banyule na broj 9490 4222.

Αν χρειάζεστε διερμηνέα τηλεφωνήστε στην Εθνική Υπηρεσία Διερμηνέων Μεταφραστών στον αριθμό 131 450 και ζητήστε να σας συνδέσουν με τη Δημαρχία Banyule στο 9490 4222.

Se hai bisogno di un interprete chiama TIS National al numero 131 450 e chiedi di essere messo in comunicazione con il Comune di Banyule al numero 9490 4222.

Ако ви треба преведувач ве молиме јавете се на TIS National на 131 450 и замовете да ве поврзат со Banyule Council на 9490 4222.

如果你需要一名翻译，请打电话到国家电话翻译服务处 (TIS National) 131 450，再转接到Banyule市政府9490 4222

Haddii aad u baahan tahay mutarjum wac khadka qaranka oo ah TIS 131 450 weydiina in lagugu xiro Degmada Banyule tel: 9490 4222.

Nếu cần thông dịch, xin gọi cho TIS Toàn Quốc qua số 131 450 rồi nhờ họ gọi cho Hội Đồng Thành Phố Banyule theo số 9490 4222 giúp quý vị.

Banyule Infant Immunisation





Infant immunisation

Where can I get my child immunised?

Banyule Council conducts weekly immunisation sessions at different venues throughout the municipality. You can attend any session and there is no need to book in or make an appointment. Sessions are run at a variety of times including mornings, afternoons and evenings. For details relating to session locations, dates and times see:

- Banyule's Annual Immunisation Program Brochure
- Banyule website or telephone Council's Immunisation Services

Alternatively, you can also choose to have your child immunised by your local doctor.

Why should I immunise my child?

Immunisation is the safest and most effective way of giving protection against a disease. After immunisation, your child is far less likely to catch the disease if there are cases in the community. The benefit of protection against the disease far outweighs the very small risks of immunisation.

What vaccines will my child receive?

Children are immunised with the vaccines recommended in the National Immunisation Schedule. These vaccines are funded by the Australian Government and are provided free of charge. This schedule is regularly updated and changed in response to improvements and new vaccines

being developed. Specific information and brochures on each vaccine is available at the immunisation sessions and from your Maternal & Child Health Nurse. Your child will require a number of immunisations in their first few years of life to protect them against serious infectious diseases. Consequently, often more than one injection will be administered during each visit.

What if my child is ill, should I still attend?

Yes: Colds, coughs or being on antibiotics do not prevent your child from being immunised

No: If your child is sick with a temperature higher than 38.5°C, then immunisation should be postponed.

If you have any doubts phone our office or speak to the nurse at the session.

What to bring to a session

- Your child Health Record Book. This contains your child's computer number, which will enable quick access to your child's details.
- Medicare Card (for 1st visit only, if available)
- Your child's comfort device / special toy (if needed)

What to expect at a session

On arrival you should collect a number (plastic card or disc pager) then take a seat. When your number is called

(or the pager activates) make your way to the administration desk and present your child's Health Record Book.

Your child's immunisation status will be reviewed and you will be given colour coded cards indicating the vaccinations to be administered. Your records will be updated and your child's next immunisation due date(s) will be recorded in your book.

You will be asked to read the pre-immunisation checklist and to take a seat until you are called by the nurses. You may wish to undress baby in readiness for their immunisation. Generally, children under 12 months of age are given injections in the legs and over 12 months of age in the arms.

During immunisation

When your number or disc pager is called again you should make your way to the nurses/immunisation area. Specially trained & qualified nurse immunisers administer the vaccines. When you hand them your child's health record book you will be asked if you have read the pre-immunisation checklist and if you have any questions. Please let the nurses know if your child is unwell or had any previous problems. The nurse will also provide you with information relating to possible reactions. Our staff will support and assist in preparing the child to be immunised. Usually, the immunisations are administered while you are seated and holding your baby.

Immediately after Immunisation

After all immunisations have been administered you should return to the seating area and remain at the venue for at least 15 minutes. This is a precautionary measure in case your child has a reaction. An adverse reaction is rare. If you have any concerns go back to the nurse immediately. Most sessions are staffed with volunteers who endeavour to make your visit more comfortable by offering tea, coffee, cordial or water for refreshments.

After you have left the session

Should you have any queries or concerns following an immunisation do not hesitate to contact Banyule Immunisation Services. Common side effects of immunisation are irritability, redness and soreness at the site of injections and mild fever. The nurses can advise you of measures to take to alleviate these symptoms. Where a more serious reaction occurs you should consult a doctor immediately. We also need feedback on any unusual reactions relating to an immunisation.

In general, the normal immune response takes approximately two weeks to work, and also most infant immunisations require more than one dose before adequate disease protection can be achieved.