

VACCINATION FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS.

Certain occupations, particularly those associated with healthcare, are associated with increased risk of some vaccine-preventable diseases.

Furthermore, some infected workers, particularly healthcare workers and childcare workers, may transmit infections such as influenza, rubella, measles, mumps, varicella and pertussis to susceptible contacts with the potential for serious health outcomes.

The current recommended vaccinations for healthcare workers are:

Healthcare workers (HWC)	Disease / Vaccine
All HCW: Including all workers and students directly involved in patients care or the handling of human tissues	Hepatitis B Influenza Pertussis (dTpa, provided dTpa has not been given previously) MMR (if non-immune) Varicella (if seronegative)
Healthcare workers who work with remote Indigenous communities	Vaccines listed for 'All HCW', plus hepatitis A
HCW who may be at high risk of exposure to drug-resistant cases of tuberculosis	Vaccines listed for 'All HCW', plus BCG

Reference: The Australian Immunisation Handbook, 9th Edition p.104-105

Note: Health care workers personal immunisation records (HP10963) can be ordered through HealthInfo 1300 135 033