



Dear parents / guardians,

The National Immunisation Management Team, Primary HealthCare, would like to update you on recent changes to the Maltese National Immunisation Schedule.

As of the year 2020, 3 vaccines have been added to the list of vaccines given in early infancy. These vaccines and the eligibility criteria with regards to year of birth can be seen in the table below.

<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Birth year of eligibility</b>
Meningitis B vaccine	2020 onwards
Meningitis ACWY	2020 onwards
Pneumococcal 10- Vaccine	2016 onwards

Vaccines added to the list and administered in later years can be seen in the table below:

<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Birth year of eligibility</b>	<b>Age at administration</b>
Meningitis ACWY	2006 onwards	14 years (with DTP-containing vaccine dose 5 and generally given in school)
HPV	2000 onwards	12 years with current catch up programme for boys born as of the year 2000. Children who turned 12 -14 recently received an appointment at home. Children who will subsequently turn 12 in the upcoming years will also be formally invited for the vaccine. Children and adults aged 15 to 23 need to fix an appointment themselves as they form part of the catch up programme.

If you would like to check whether your child is eligible for any of these vaccines or whether they are up to date, kindly speak to your doctor or email us on [immunisation@gov.mt](mailto:immunisation@gov.mt) with a scan of the babybook / vaccine record and we shall advise accordingly.

Please note that some private doctors are taking part in a scheme by the government whereby they collect vaccines that are on the national schedule and administer them in their private practice, so that parents might opt to go to their private doctor for all the vaccines on the schedule and only pay for the fee for vaccine administration, and not purchase the vaccine, if they so desire. Kindly always check with the doctor beforehand to ensure that they are taking part in this scheme. If you would like to fix an appointment for any of the vaccines with the National Immunisation service, kindly call on 2123131 ext 7 or email on [immunisation@gov.mt](mailto:immunisation@gov.mt).

Whilst thanking you for your time, we encourage you to keep your children safe through timely vaccination. The local National Immunisation Schedule and information about the new vaccines given in later childhood are attached to this email.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Farrugia Preca', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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## National Immunisation Schedule for Malta

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Age	Vaccine
From 8 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DTaP-Hib-IPV-Hep B (6 in 1)</li><li>• PCV – 10 (Vaccine against 10 strains of the <i>pneumococcus</i> bacterium)</li><li>• Men B – (Vaccine against Meningitis B)</li></ul>
3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Men ACWY – (Vaccine against the meningitis bacteria types A, C, W and Y)</li><li>• DTaP-Hib-IPV-Hep B (6 in 1)</li></ul>
4 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DTaP-Hib-IPV-Hep B (6 in 1)</li><li>• PCV -10</li><li>• Men B</li></ul>
12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PCV -10</li><li>• Men B</li></ul>
13 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine)</li><li>• Men ACWY</li></ul>
18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DTaP-Hib-IPV-Hep B</li></ul>
3-4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MMR</li></ul>
12 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HPV (Huma Papilloma Virus)</li></ul>
12 years and then 6 months later	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HPV</li></ul>
14/15 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• dT-IPV (3 in 1)</li><li>• Men ACWY</li></ul>