



# Confused by MMR containing vaccines?

Age recommendations for using the vaccine brands

Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) containing vaccines — live attenuated virus vaccines		
<p><b>M-M-R-II® or Priorix® (MMR)</b></p> 		
Schedule point	Age recommendation	Notes
Infants prior to travel overseas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From 6 months and before 11 months</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victorian Government funded M-M-R II® vaccine</li> <li>The scheduled 12 and 18 months MMR-containing vaccines are still required</li> </ul>
12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 months</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MMR must be administered as the 1<sup>st</sup> dose for children under 4 years of age</li> <li>Can be administered from 11 months in exceptional circumstances</li> <li>NIP*</li> </ul>
Catch-up and Persons born since 1966 including women with low or negative rubella antibody levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From 13 months of age</li> <li>20 years and older and females of childbearing age</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NIP* vaccine for under 20 years of age; all refugees and humanitarian entrants and vulnerable citizens</li> <li>Victorian Government funded M-M-R® II vaccine</li> <li>1 or 2 doses (without evidence of 2 documented doses of MMR vaccine or without serological evidence of immunity)</li> <li>Women who are planning pregnancy or shortly after delivery</li> <li>Vaccinated women should avoid pregnancy for 28 days after vaccination</li> </ul>
Measles-Mumps-Rubella-Varicella (MMRV) containing vaccines — live attenuated virus vaccines		
<p><b>PriorixTetra® or ProQuad® (MMRV)</b></p> 		
Schedule point	Age recommendation	Notes
18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18 months</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be administered as the 2<sup>nd</sup> MMR dose for children under 4 years of age due to the risk of febrile seizure if MMRV is given as a 1<sup>st</sup> dose</li> <li>NIP*</li> </ul>
Catch-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From 19 months to 13 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From 14 years of age use monovalent varicella vaccine and MMR vaccine</li> <li>NIP*</li> </ul>

\* NIP -National Immunisation Program

References – The Australian Immunisation Handbook <https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/>

To receive this publication in an accessible format phone 1300 882 008, using the National Relay Service 13 36 77 if required, or email [immunisation@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:immunisation@dhhs.vic.gov.au)

Authorised and published by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne.

© State of Victoria, Department of Health and Human Services, October 2019.

Available at <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/policiesandguidelines/mmr-containing-vaccines-factsheet>