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# Starting or moving schools – immunisation records

## Why is immunisation important?

Some diseases, like measles and mumps, can be very serious for children, and other people in the community.

In places where people are in close contact, like school, diseases can spread fast.

**Help protect your child by making sure they have had all their immunisations.**

## What do I have to do when my child starts school?

When your child starts school, you need to give the school your child's Australian childhood immunisation register (ACIR) history statement.

Your school needs this, so if any children are not fully immunised they can protect them by telling them to stay away from school if there is an outbreak of some diseases.

[healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation)



## What is an ACIR history statement?

An ACIR history statement is a record of your child's immunisation history.

A copy of your statement is posted to you when your child:

- is 18 months of age
- turns 5 years of age (or after they complete their 4-year-old immunisations, whichever comes first).

## How do I get a copy of my child's ACIR history statement?

You can ask for a statement at any time by:

- phoning the ACIR on 1800 653 809
- visiting your local Medicare centre (Department of Human Services Centre)
- registering with the Department of Human Services online at: [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au)

## What if my child was not born in Australia?

If your child was born overseas and is not registered on the ACIR you should give your child's immunisation record to a Medicare office, or contact your immunisation provider (GP or child health clinic) and ask them to forward your child's overseas records to ACIR to ensure you get an ACIR statement for future use.

## What if I have not immunised my child for medical or other reasons?

If you have not immunised your child for any reason, you still need to give the school an ACIR certificate which says your child has not had any immunisations.

Call ACIR on 1800 653 809 for more information.

## When do I need to give the school my child's immunisation history?

Whenever your child starts at a new school, the law says that you must give the school your child's immunisation records. This includes:

- enrolling your child at kindy or pre-primary

- enrolling your child at secondary school
- every time your child changes school.

## What if I change address?

If you change address, please inform your doctor, the school or community nurse, or a Medicare office in your area. This will help ensure that you can be contacted with immunisation updates if required.

### Contacts

#### Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR)

Phone: 1800 653 809

#### Central Immunisation Clinic

Phone: 9321 1312

8.30am–4.30pm weekdays

#### Your local doctor

#### Your local community health centre, hospital or public health unit

[www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/publichealthunits](http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/publichealthunits)

#### HealthDirect Australia

Phone: 1800 022 222

### More information

#### Department of Health

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