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New stickers for vaccines affected by cold chain breach

Women’s Health Week antenatal immunisation reminder

September 1-5 is Women’s Health Week. This is a great opportunity to promote antenatal vaccination to patients who are pregnant or who are planning a pregnancy.

Immunisation against pertussis, influenza, COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is strongly recommended during pregnancy to protect your patient and their newborns against serious vaccine-preventable diseases and potentially life-threatening complications.

The following resources can be found at Antenatal immunisation and are available for printing or sharing digitally to aid in discussing antenatal vaccination with your patients:

- Influenza vaccination in pregnancy (VIP) (PDF 873KB)
- Pertussis vaccination in pregnancy (VIP) (PDF 872KB)
- 2025 WA Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Infant and Maternal Immunisation Program – What parents and carers need to know (PDF 1MB).

To order hard copies of **‘Influenza vaccination in pregnancy’** and **‘Pertussis vaccination in pregnancy’**, visit our WA Health online ordering system.

Please also see the Commonwealth COVID-19 vaccination decision guide for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or planning pregnancy.

For support with having immunisation conversations with antenatal patients, please visit the Sharing Knowledge About Immunisation website for comprehensive resources including eLearning modules, conversation guides, infographics and more.

Always refer to the WA Immunisation Schedule and the Australian Immunisation Handbook (external site) which provides complete guidance for vaccination during pregnancy.

This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with disability.

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