

AUSTRALIAN IMMUNISATION REGISTER (AIR) UPDATE – 19 APRIL 2023

New COVID-19 and influenza Immunisation History Statement

A new COVID-19 and influenza Immunisation History Statement (IHS) is now available. This new IHS only shows COVID-19 and influenza vaccination information recorded on the AIR and if there are any immunisation medical exemptions recorded for COVID-19. This provides individuals with more privacy as they can use it as evidence for employment purposes, instead of providing their full vaccination history.

Please see a sample of the new IHS below:

The image shows a sample of a new COVID-19 and influenza Immunisation History Statement (IHS) from the Australian Government Services Australia Medicare account. The document is titled "Immunisation history statement" and includes the following information:

- As at:** 23 February 2023
- For:** ROBERT JOHN HEINZ
- Date of birth:** 10 October 1900

Date given	Immunisation	Brand name given
12 Oct 2021	COVID-19	Moderna Spikevax
01 Nov 2021	COVID-19	Moderna Spikevax
01 Apr 2022	Influenza	Fluarix

Notices

Disclaimer

The Australian Immunisation Register is a national register that records vaccinations given to people of all ages in Australia. Vaccinations given before 1 January 1990 are not displayed on the immunisation history statements.

Every effort is made to ensure that personal information contained on the Australian Immunisation Register is correct. The accuracy of vaccination information is dependent on the quality and timeliness of information provided by vaccination providers.

Please contact your vaccination provider if any of the vaccination details shown on the immunisation history statements are not correct. Vaccination providers can call us on 1800 653 809 (call charges may apply) to provide updated vaccination information.

If you have any questions about this immunisation history statement, please contact the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.

Privacy and your personal information

The privacy and security of your personal information is important to us, and is protected by law. We collect this information to provide payments and services. We only share your information with other parties where you have agreed, or where the law allows or requires it. For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/privacy

Services Australia collects personal information from recognised Australian vaccination providers and stores the information in the Australian Immunisation Register. The information is collected for purposes set out in section 10 of the Australian Immunisation Register Act 2015. The collection of this information is authorised by the Australian Immunisation Register Act 2015 and section 130(SG) of the Health Insurance Act 1973.

Individuals can view and print their COVID-19 and influenza IHS (PDF version) from the AIR by:

- accessing their Medicare online account through myGov or the Express Plus Medicare mobile app
- calling Services Australia on 1800 653 809 to ask for a copy
- asking their vaccination provider to print a copy.

NOTE: For privacy reasons, anyone aged 14 or older can get their own IHS.

Digital versions of the new IHS will be available in late 2023. Individuals will be able to use and share the new IHS with their digital wallets (Apple/Google).

The complete immunisation history statement is still available. The complete immunisation history statement shows all the immunisations received since birth that are on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR), including COVID-19 vaccinations, any immunisation medical exemption recorded and any National Immunisation Program vaccinations due.

Further information is available on the Services Australia website:

- [What an immunisation history statement is](#)
- [What types of proof of COVID-19 vaccinations there are](#)
- [Immunisation history statements as proof of your COVID-19 vaccinations](#)

Enhanced AIR042A report is now available

The AIR042A report is now available for vaccination providers to generate through the AIR site following recent updates that were made to improve the usability of the report. Vaccination providers can extract information from the AIR based on an individual's COVID-19 vaccination history. The report provides the relevant COVID-19 vaccination history for individuals who have received a Medicare Benefit Scheme service at a provider's practice, or individuals who were previously vaccinated by the provider.

This report allows providers to choose the:

- vaccine brand
- total number of doses an individual has received
- number of doses received in a specified timeframe. For example, an individual has received '0' doses in the last '6' months
- age or Date of Birth range

Services Australia will publish an eLearning module for the AIR042A report soon which will include more information on how to use the AIR042A report.

It is mandatory under the *Australian Immunisation Register Act 2015*, for vaccination providers to report the administration of COVID-19 and influenza vaccinations to the AIR.

Reporting timely, high quality and accurate vaccination information ensures that the AIR contains a complete and reliable dataset. This allows the monitoring of immunisation coverage and administration. The Department of Health and Aged Care will continue to work with Services Australia to help vaccination providers meet their reporting obligations.

Further information about AIR reports is available on the Services Australia website:

- [How to view identified reports using the AIR site through HPOS](#)

Services Australia contact details

Services Australia and the AIR helpdesk is available to provide further assistance.

- AIR General Enquiries: 1800 653 809; air@servicesaustralia.gov.au
- AIR Internet Helpdesk: 1300 650 039
- PRODA Helpdesk: 1800 700 199; proda@servicesaustralia.gov.au
- HPOS Helpdesk: 132 150

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