

Measles is a contagious viral illness that causes a skin rash and fever. Serious and sometimes fatal complications include pneumonia and encephalitis (brain inflammation). Measles is also known as rubeola, not to be confused with rubella (German measles). Worldwide, measles is the fifth highest cause of illness and death in children.

Mumps is a viral illness that causes fever and swollen salivary glands. Serious and potentially lethal complications include inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) or heart muscle (myocarditis). The disease is spread from person to person and is as contagious as the flu (influenza).

Rubella is a viral illness that causes a skin rash and joint pain. A rubella infection is mild for most people, but it can have catastrophic consequences for an unborn baby. If a pregnant woman contracts rubella, her baby is at risk of severe and permanent birth defects or death. Rubella is sometimes called German measles, but rubella is a different viral disease to measles.

Students must provide evidence of either a completed course of MMR vaccines OR a copy of positive serology for all three.

What is the Vaccine Schedule?

- Two doses of MMR vaccine at least a month apart.

How do I find my evidence for Vaccines?

You can provide several forms of evidence:

- A copy of your Baby/Immunisation Booklet outlining the dates of vaccines
- Letter from GP outlining dates of vaccines
- Document from the [Australian Childhood Immunisation Register](#) (ACIR) or the Vaccination Information and Vaccination Administration System (VIVAS) database.

Contact details for ACIR and VIVAS is on the [Fit for Professional Practice](#) website.

What is Serology?

Serologic tests are blood tests that look for antibodies in your blood.

Do I need to provide a copy of my Serology?

Only if you don't have evidence of a completed course of vaccines.

Do I need to provide evidence of vaccines or serology if I was born before 1966?

No, students born before 1966 are not required to provide evidence of vaccines or serology as they would have been exposed to strains of wild measles virus. Please upload a copy of your driver's licence/birth certificate/passport to confirm your date of birth.

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