

Strengthen family ties – immunise

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What is Pneumococcal disease?

- Pneumococcal disease is a leading cause of serious illness and death among Aboriginal children under five years of age
- Pneumococcal disease can lead to lung and blood infections, cause brain damage and lead to death
- Pneumococcal disease is also a large cause of pneumonia in adults 50 years of age or older; young children and older people are especially at risk of death from this disease
- Pneumococcal disease is mainly spread by coughs and sneezes
- Pneumococcal disease can occur at any time but infections seem to be more common during winter and spring



To stop getting Pneumococcal disease

- Immunisation can prevent serious problems and death resulting from Pneumococcal disease
- Washing your hands, wiping down surfaces and covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze will also help to stop spreading Pneumococcal disease



Immunisation is the best way to prevent Pneumococcal Disease.

Who should get immunised?

- All Aboriginal people should get immunised especially the babies and older people
- People with diabetes or asthma
- People with lung, heart or kidney illnesses
- People who smoke or are heavy drinkers



Having a vaccination is the best way to protect you, your family and community from Pneumococcal disease!

Talk to your Doctor, Aboriginal Health Worker, Nurse or Community Health Worker about having a Pneumococcal vaccination today.

