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# WORLD IMMUNISATION WEEK

Vaccines are one of the safest and most effective ways to protect people from life-threatening and preventable diseases. They can also prevent diseases from spreading among family members, friends, colleagues, classmates and the wider community.

## WORLD IMMUNISATION WEEK:

- raises awareness on how immunisation saves lives
- increases vaccination coverage to prevent disease outbreaks
- reaches underserved and marginalised communities with existing and newly available vaccines - particularly those living in remote areas, deprived urban settings, fragile states and strife-torn regions
- reinforces the medium- and long-term benefits of immunisation, giving children a chance to grow up healthy, go to school and improve their prospects

## WHY IS IMMUNISATION IMPORTANT?

**73%**

Measles deaths have dropped by 73% worldwide from 2000 - 2018

**99%**

We're closer than ever to polio eradication, with cases down 99% worldwide



The world has been smallpox-free since 1980

## WHAT VACCINES DOES THE SCHEME OFFER?

The Scheme's Wellness and Preventative benefits pay for the following vaccines:

- **Flu vaccine** - one vaccine per beneficiary 6 months or older per year
- **Pneumococcal vaccine** - one vaccine per beneficiary 18 years and older per year
- **Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine** - two doses per beneficiary between 9 and 14 years and 3 doses per beneficiary between 15 and 26 years
- **Pertussis vaccine** - one per beneficiary every 10 years
- **Malaria prophylaxis** - one per beneficiary per year
- **Childhood vaccinations** - immunisations prescribed by the South African Expanded Programme

**Claims for these benefits do not affect your Day-to-Day benefits. If further treatment is needed, it will be subject to the applicable benefit limits.**



**NEED HELP?** Contact your scheme for any benefit-related queries you may have.

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