



Ministero della Salute

**Adult Immunization in Italy:
successes, lessons learned
and the way forward**

**Vaccination strategies,
systems and laws within
the NHS**

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Italy: Country information



21 Regions: Regional Health Authorities

121 Local Health Units

57 Public Hospital Enterprises

30 University Hospitals (28 Public and 2 Private)

64 IRCCS (High level clinical research centers)

Almost 1,400 hospitalization facilities



Italian National Health System

Italian Ministry of Health

- Definition of objectives to reach in order to improve population health status
- National health planning
- Determination of Essential Levels of Assistance to be provided to any citizen, uniformly throughout the whole national territory

The Regions

- Autonomous in operating strategies
- Ability to legislate on health issues, respecting the general principles
- Determination of further Levels of Assistance to be provided to any citizen, uniformly throughout the whole regional territory

State-Regions Conference

Approval of Agreements concerning National Health Policy



NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION PLAN



NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION PLAN (PNPV)

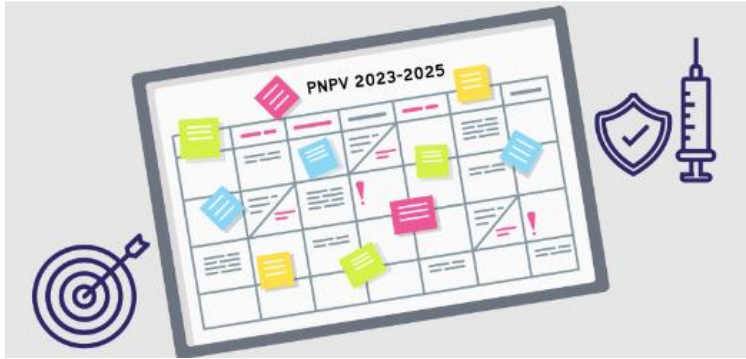
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- The Italian Ministry of Health is charged with defining the **national immunization plan**.
- This document is ratified with an agreement at the **State-Regions conference**.
- Since the Italian national health system is decentralized, the 21 regions (19 Regions and two Autonomous Provinces) are responsible for planning, financing, organizing and implementing health care services, including vaccination services following the national immunization plan recommendations



NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION PLAN (PNPV)

(II)



- The current National Immunization Plan 2023 –2025 was issued in August 2023.
- The national immunization plan outlines the objectives of the national immunization strategy for different age and risk groups, and it is ratified by an agreement with the regional authorities (the State-Regions Conference) who are responsible for the implementation of vaccination programmes in their respective regions.
- The plan recommends vaccination for people throughout the entire life-course and sets clear targets for vaccination coverage, but it also identifies the main priorities (e.g. measles and rubella elimination, polio eradication) and considers many actions to reduce disparities among Italian regions



NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION PLAN (PNPV)

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2 documents

- National immunization strategy (targets)

Immunization Agenda 2030 & EU European Immunization Agenda 2030 targets and others.

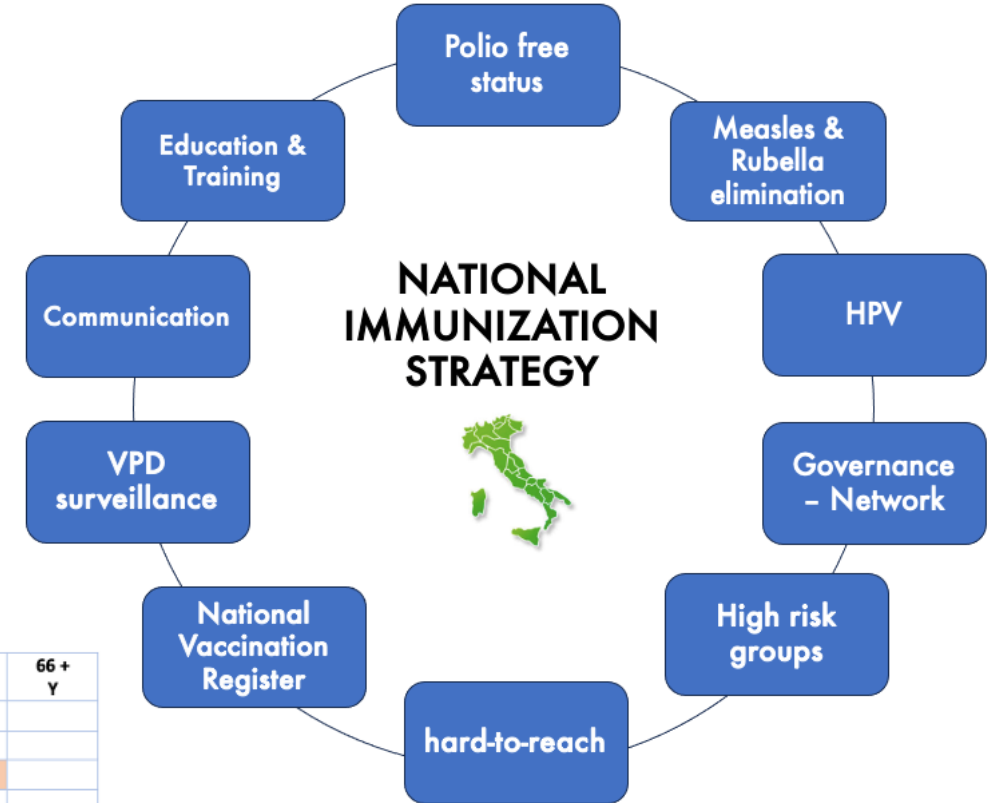
Duration: 3 y

- Immunization Schedule

Age - risk groups (condition, behaviour)- occupational & travel med. (and vaccine coverage targets)

Annual update

	2 M	3 M	4 M	5 M	6 M	10 M	12 M	13/15 M	5 Y	6 Y	11 Y	12-18 Y	19-59 Y	50-64 Y	60 Y	65 Y	66 + Y
6 in 1 (DTaP-IPV-HBV-Hib)	■	■	■	■	■	■											
Rotavirus	■	■	■	■	■												
PCV	■	■	■	■	■												■
Men B	■	■	■	■	■												
MMRV o MMR+V									■								
Men ACWY																	
4 in 1 (DTap-IPV/Tdap-IPV)									■								
HPV																	
Tdap																	
Influenza (FLU)																	
Herpes Zoster (HZV)																	



RECCOMENDED VACCINES AND LEA

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- The Italian MoH has established that all the vaccines included in the national immunization plan should be considered part of the so-called “minimum level of healthcare services” (LEA)
- LEA are nationally defined health benefits package that the regional authorities must provide to citizens (free of charge or upon a payment of a fee).
- Recommended vaccines are free of charge. The costs of vaccines and vaccination services are covered by the National Health Fund, which is a statutory financing system (via taxation) which covers the entire resident population.



OTHER VPD PLANS AND CIRCULARS

OTHER PLANS

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Polio

- National preparedness and response plan for a polio epidemic (2019)
- National plan to maintain polio-free status (2020)

Measles and rubella

- National Plan for the elimination of measles and congenital rubella (2010-2015)

Covid-19

- Dedicated National Strategic Vaccine Plan for the Prevention of SARS-CoV-2 Infections (decree of the Ministry of Health) and updating circulars



INFLUENZA



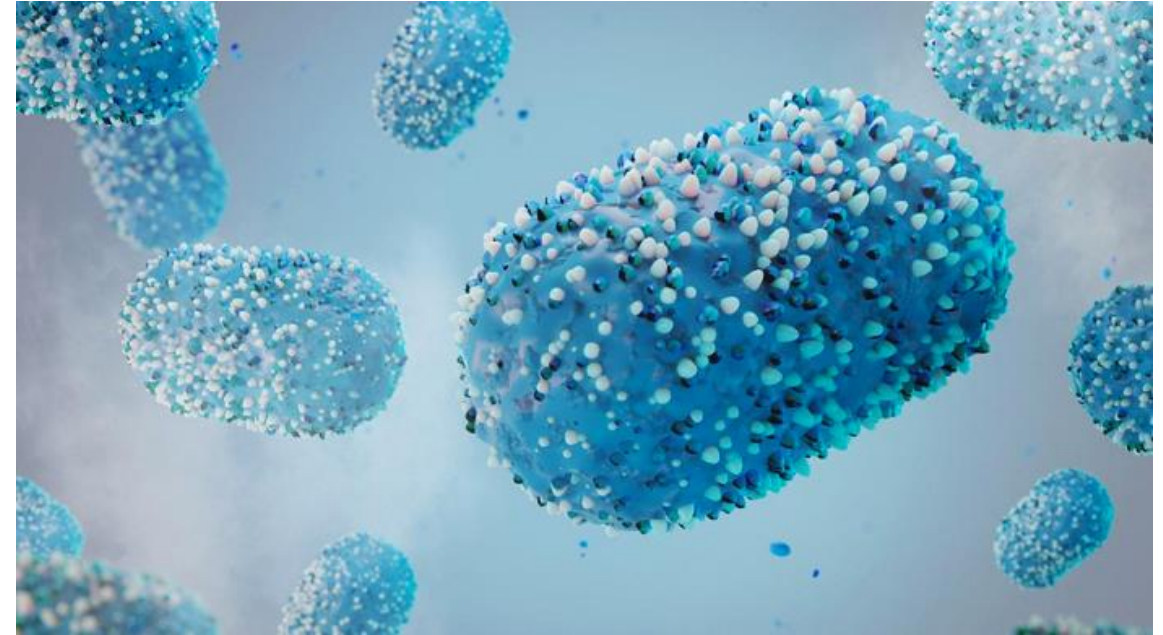
For influenza vaccination, the Ministry of Health's Directorate-General for Health Prevention provides an annual update of a document ("Circular letter for prevention and control of influenza"), signed by the Minister of Health, shared and agreed with the regions, indicating the new vaccines' composition and reporting recommendations for the prevention of influenza through vaccination and other measures of hygiene and personal protection.



MPOX

Circular letters were issued also for MPOX immunization

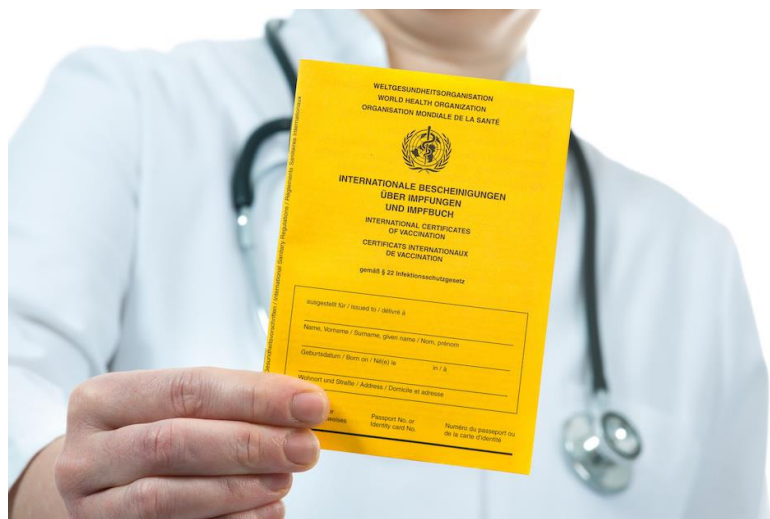
- Interim guidance on vaccination strategy against monkeypox (MPX) 5/8/22 and subsequent updates
- Logistics



YELLOW FEVER

Decree of General Director of Health Prevention (MoH)

Authorized yellow fever vaccination centres



Regione	DENOMINAZIONE CENTRO	Città	Indirizzo	Telefono	E-mail
ABRUZZO	Azienda USL 1 Avanzano Sulmona - L'Aquila	Avanzano	Via Monte Velino 14	tel 0863 498815	
ABRUZZO	Ambulatorio vaccinale c/o P.O. SS. Annunziata	Chieti	Via Padre Andrea Volpiano	tel 0871 345196	
ABRUZZO	Azienda USL 1 Avanzano Sulmona - L'Aquila c/o Ospedale Regionale S. Salvatore	L'Aquila	Via Lorenza Natali - Loc. Coppito	tel 0862 388834	
ABRUZZO	Azienda USL Chieti 2	Ortona	P.zza San Francesco 2	tel 085 9173226	
ABRUZZO	USMAF SASS di Lanoia, Marsia, Ussita, Albezano e Molise - Unità Territoriale di Pescara	Pescara	Lungomare C. Colombo 4		

Regione	DENOMINAZIONE CENTRO	Città	Indirizzo	Telefono	E-mail
CAMPANIA	Unità Territoriale di Capodifregio	Capodifregio	Via Pacini 45 - Palazzina C. Ignazio 9		
CAMPANIA	Asl Napoli 3 sud	Castellibonate di Stabia			
CAMPANIA	Asl Caserta SEP Centro di Medicina del Viaggiatore	Marcianuso			
CAMPANIA	USMAF SASS Campania e Sardegna - Unità Territoriale di Napoli	Napoli	Via Immacolata Vecchia - Interno porto aere	tel 06 5994 4703	unita.napoli@aslnapoli.it
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CAMPANIA	Asl Napoli 2 nord - ADEP LOISE n.1	Napoli			
CAMPANIA	USMAF SASS Campania e Sardegna - Unità Territoriale di Salerno	Salerno			
CAMPANIA	Asl Salerno c/o distretto 04	Salerno			

Regione	DENOMINAZIONE CENTRO	Città	Indirizzo	Telefono	E-mail
BASILICATA	ASL Centro Vaccinale	Lanzano	Via XXV aprile c/o Presidio Ospedaliero di Lanzano		
BASILICATA	ASL Centro Vaccinale	Matera	Via Mantovani		
BASILICATA	ASL Centro Vaccinale	Potenza	Via della Fianca AB		
BASILICATA	ASL Centro Vaccinale	Rosarno Valturno	Via Madre Sina della Provvidenza		
CALABRIA	Centro di medicina del Viaggiatore - Servizio Vaccinazioni Catanzaro	Catanzaro	Viale Pio X ex clinica Mater D.		
CALABRIA	Centro per la Medicina del Viaggio e della Migrazione - ASP Catanzaro	Catanzaro	Via Alimena		
CALABRIA	Travel Medicine Catanzaro	Catanzaro	Località Tenta		
CALABRIA	U.O. Igiene e Sanità Pubblica	Lamezia Terme	Via Scottaromè N.10		
CALABRIA	USMAF SASS di Puglia, Calabria e Basilicata - Unità Territoriale di RC	Reggio Calabria	Spaccato Aristonardale Po Pasquale Nard		
CALABRIA	Centro di Medicina del Viaggiatore c/o ufficio medicina preventiva ex A.S. Lamezia	Reggio Calabria	Via De Gasperi Ardore		
CALABRIA	Medicina del Viaggiatore	Reggio Calabria	Via Calabria tra III e R.E.C.		
CALABRIA	Centro di medicina del Viaggio - ASP Vibo Valentia c/o struttura di medicina preventiva	Vibo Valentia	Via Medesima D		
CAMPANIA	Asl 2 Centro di Medicina del Viaggiatore e Vaccinazioni Internazionali	Avellino	Via Circosvallette		
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- Until June 2017 there were only four mandatory vaccinations: polio, diphtheria, tetanus and hepatitis B.
- At the end of July 2017 a new law was approved increasing to 10 the number of mandatory vaccinations for children aged 0–16 years: the previous four plus Hib, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella and varicella.
- Regional authorities are required to promote and actively offer all vaccines indicated in the national immunization plan, including mandatory and non-mandatory vaccinations.



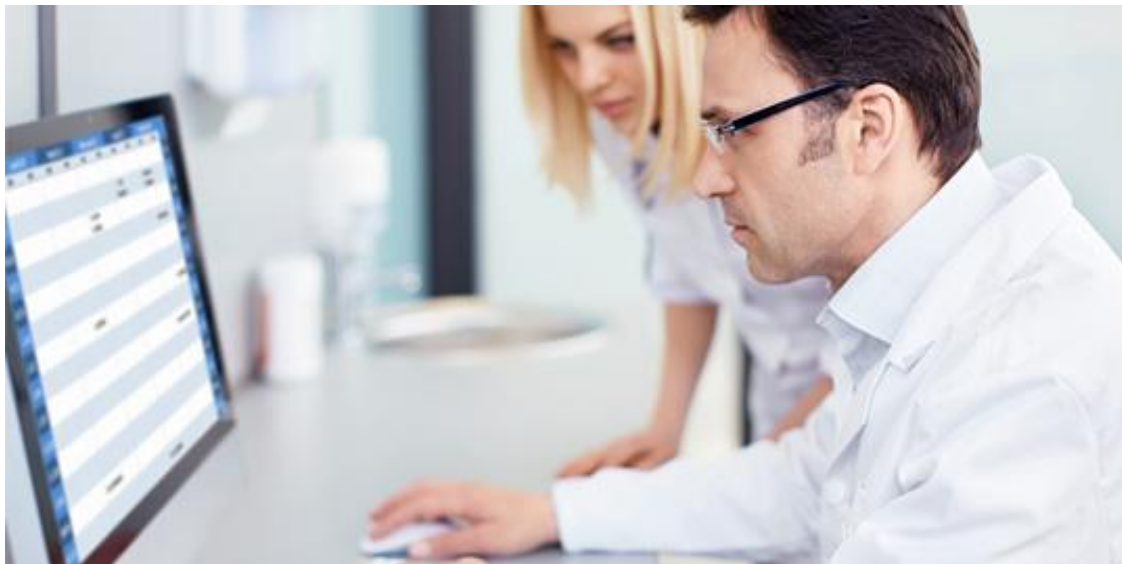
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- Children who were not vaccinated in accordance with the law cannot be enrolled in nursery school and kindergarten.
- Children between the ages of 7 and 16 attending compulsory school must be vaccinated, as well as submitted to all required booster doses. In this case, however, any delay in complying with the vaccination schedule will not prevent school enrollment.
- If one or more vaccines have not been administered, the school is required by law to report the violation to the local health agency (ASL), which will summon parents, requiring them to comply with their obligations.
- If parents do not comply with the request, they will be subject to fines assessed by the relevant Health Agencies, and which may range between 500 and 7,500 Euro.



**NATIONAL
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- In 2018, the National Vaccination Registry was introduced to track vaccinations, vaccinated people, those to vaccinate, doses and administration times, side effects and exempted individuals.
- Data on vaccination against COVID-19 are integrated within this registry.



NITAG



- The first Italian NITAG was established in 2017, the second in 2018 but did not become a reference point for Italian vaccination policies
- Decisions and policies related to the COVID-19 campaign vaccination were centralized to the institutional bodies of the MoH
- The current ITALIAN NITAG was appointed by the MoH (DECREE OF THE MINISTRY in September 2021 and settled in early 2022 and includes 29 different core members: public health physicians, epidemiologist, immunologist, infectious diseases specialist, communication experts, psychologist and behavioural science expert, forensic medicine expert, expert in ethics, paediatricians, public health nurses, general practitioner
- Chairperson: Prof. Carlo Signorelli
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