Child Health POLL Survey questions



Routine childhood vaccinations: Effects of the COVID-19 pandemic

Scheduled Vaccination Module

Question 1

In Australia all children receive a number of vaccines as part of the National Immunisation Register. Was your child scheduled for a vaccine in the *last three months*?

Please answer separately for each child aged less than 5 years {BY CHILD LESS THAN 5 YEARS ONLY}

Yes/No/Not sure

If Yes or Not sure, branch to Q14. If No, branch to Q16

Question 2

During the past three months, have your child's vaccines been delayed or put off? Please answer separately for each child {BY CHILD}

Yes/No/Not sure

{PRESENT Q3 ONCE IF ONE OR MORE CHILD HAD RESPONSE YES OR NOT SURE TO Q4}

Question 3

For what reason(s) have your child/ren's vaccine been delayed?

Please select all that apply

- a) I did not think it was important at the moment
- b) I have too much else to worry about at the moment
- c) I did not want to take my child to the doctor/nurse for their vaccines as I was worried my child might catch COVID-19 at the clinic
- d) I did not want to take my child to the doctor/nurse for their vaccines as I was worried I might catch COVID-19 at the clinic
- e) The doctor/nurse where I get my child's vaccines was not offering vaccination due to COVID-19
- f) I did not want to take my child to the doctor/nurse for their vaccines as I was worried they might catch COVID-19 on the way there (on public transport or in a taxi)

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- g) I could not afford the cost of getting to the clinic/doctor
- h) I could not take my child to the clinic/doctor for their vaccines because there was no one else to look after my other children
- i) I did not want to challenge my child's immune system in case they got sick and needed to fight COVID-19
- j) My child doesn't need their vaccinations at the moment because they are isolated at home and not exposed to catching illnesses