



9 February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: NSW School Vaccination Program 2022

Each year NSW Health works with schools to offer the vaccines recommended for adolescents by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). In 2022, the following vaccines will be offered:

Year 7 students:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine (dTpa) as a single dose
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 2-dose schedule at 0 and 6 months.

Year 10 students:

- Meningococcal ACWY vaccine as a single dose.

Catch-up vaccinations will be offered to any students in Year 8, 9, 11 and 12 that have missed out in previous years due to school closures during the COVID-19 pandemic. These are students who have a returned consent from 2020 or 2021.

Clinic dates are as follows:

Tuesday 29th March 2022

Year 7: dTpa and 1st dose HPV - all students

Years 8 and 9: dTpa and HPV – catch up of students who returned their consents in 2020 and 2021

Years 11 and 12: Meningococcal ACWY – catch up of students who returned their consents in 2020 and 2021

Thursday 21st July 2022

Year 7: dTpa and 1st dose HPV – catch up

Years 8 and 9: dTpa and HPV – catch up of students who returned their consents in 2020 and 2021

Year 10: Meningococcal ACWY

Years 11 and 12: Meningococcal ACWY – catch up of students who returned their consents in 2020 and 2021

Wednesday 26th October 2022

Year 7: 2nd dose HPV, dTpa and 1st dose HPV – catch up

Year 8 and 9: dTpa and HPV – catch up of students who returned their consents in 2020 and 2021

Year 10: Meningococcal ACWY – catch up

Year 11 and 12: Meningococcal ACWY – catch up of students who returned their consents in 2020 and 2021

Parent/guardian consent is required for students to be vaccinated. **Consent forms will only be accepted if they are completed using blue or black pen and are original (photocopied or faxed consent forms will not be accepted).**

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so in writing to the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

The Parent Information Kits have been translated for parents/guardians into 26 community languages and are available on the NSW Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au/schooltranslations. However, only the English-language consent forms should be completed.

A record of vaccination will be given to each child and it is important they provide this to their doctor to ensure that records are kept up to date. To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Students who commenced HPV vaccination in Year 7 but did not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact School Vaccination Program Coordinator on (02) 4734 2022.

Please have your child return the completed consent forms to the front office prior to 15th March 2022.

Yours sincerely



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