

NSW Adolescent School Vaccination Program 2019

Dear Principal and school vaccination coordinator

Each year NSW Health works with schools to offer the vaccines recommended for adolescents by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

The consent forms for the 2019 school vaccination program will be delivered by Better Health Centre by the 25th January 2019.

If you have any concerns or questions about the delivery of your consent cards, please contact Martin Cook at Better Health Centre on 02 98875450.

The consent forms are delivered to schools ready for the first clinic visit in 2019.

Consent forms for 2019 have been revised and therefore all old consent forms need to be returned to immunisation staff for disposal into secure waste.

Parent Information Kit includes:

- **Parent Information Sheet which includes the following:**
 - Frequently asked questions
 - Information about each of the vaccines
 - Privacy Statement
 - **Checklist**
 - **One single consent form**

I would be grateful if you would distribute the relevant *Consent Form packs* as indicated in the table below and ensure the consent forms are returned to the school as soon as possible. This is a key element to the success of the program. To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible. Students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course will be offered catch-up doses at school into Year 8.

| Consent forms | Distribute to |
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| Year 7 – one A4 size envelope with photo on front (includes consent for dTpa and HPV) | ALL Year 7 |
| Years 10 – one A5 size envelope (includes consent for Meningococcal ACWY) | ALL Year 10 |

Even if students say they do not require a vaccine, we still ask that every eligible student take them home for their parents to read the information inside and decide if they wish to go ahead with vaccination or not.

Information in other languages

Information & consent forms for the School Based Vaccination Program in other languages are available from the following website:

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/school_vaccination_language.aspx

Vaccines offered in 2019

ALL Year 7 Students only:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) (dTpa) adult vaccine – as a **single dose** to all year 7 students who have not received a previous dose.
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine – in a **2-dose schedule with a 6 month gap between doses 1 & 2.**

ALL Year 10 Students only:

- Meningococcal ACWY – as a **single dose** to all year 10 students who have not received a previous dose.

Vaccination Clinic bookings for 2019

You will shortly, or have already, been contacted by your local school program staff for clinic bookings for 2019 and any change of details for your school. **NO clinic dates can be made for December 2019.** The preferred arrangements will be:

| Visit Number | When | Vaccines offered |
|--------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1 | February, March, April | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ dTpa (diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, single dose)➤ Dose 1 HPV (Gardasil 9) |
| 2 | May, June, July | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Meningococcal ACWY |
| 3 | 6 months after first visit | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Dose 2 HPV (Gardasil 9) |

Please note that minimum gaps must be observed between multiple dose vaccine courses. Please contact your local community health contact to discuss appropriate dates.

| | Minimum gap between dose 1 & dose 2 |
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| HPV (Gardasil 9) | 6 months |

If you have any questions please contact your local Community Health contact or myself by email or phone, I work Monday to Thursday.

Thank you



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