

School-based immunisation program

The school-based immunisation program provides free recommended vaccines to high school students in years 7 and 10.

Please use the below information to promote the program and HPV vaccine schedule change to parents/guardians through your channels e.g. social media, e-newsletters, websites etc.

Social media

Is your child in year 7 or 10?

Free vaccinations are offered at school to protect them against vaccine-preventable diseases.

Read more: https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/schoolimmunisations

E-newsletters/websites

Free vaccinations at school to protect your child against serious infectious diseases

Each year, immunisation nurses attend secondary schools across WA to provide adolescent immunisations that are recommended under the National Immunisation Program.

Year 7 students

Year 7 students can get the HPV vaccine and a booster dose of the diphtheria-tetanuspertussis (dTpa) vaccine. These protect against whooping cough, genital warts and some cancers.

Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine schedule change

From 6 February 2023, year 7 students will only require one HPV vaccine to be fully vaccinated. You may have already provided consent for 2 doses of HPV vaccine, however, once your child receives one dose, they will not need any further doses.

Year 10 students

Year 10 students can get the meningococcal ACWY vaccine to protect against 4 strains of the disease. Meningococcal spreads easily and older teenagers have some of the highest rates of infection.

How to consent

Parents/guardians must complete the form to consent (or decline) vaccination:

- via VaccinateWA (<u>https://vaccinatewa.health.wa.gov.au</u>)
- by filling out the hard copy form from school or
- by printing a copy from the HealthyWA website.

For more information visit the HealthyWA website: https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/schoolimmunisations