

# School vaccination program 2025

Information for parents

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Stay well  
Get vaccinated

# NSW Immunisation Schedule for adolescents

Vaccines funded under the [National Immunisation Program](#)

| Disease                                      | Vaccine and Dose         | Year    |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| <a href="#">Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis</a> | Boostrix - Single dose   | Year 7  |
| <a href="#">Human Papillomavirus (HPV)</a>   | Gardasil 9 - Single dose | Year 7  |
| <a href="#">Meningococcal ACWY</a>           | MenQuadfi - Single dose  | Year 10 |

# Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis Vaccine

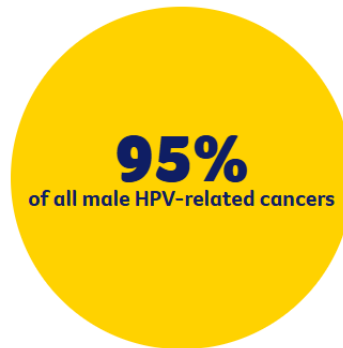
- Is an important booster dose for adolescents
- Protects your child against 3 diseases:

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| <u><a href="#">Diphtheria</a></u>                 | A contagious and potentially life-threatening bacterial infection that causes severe breathing difficulties, heart failure and nerve damage. |
| <u><a href="#">Tetanus</a></u>                    | A severe, often fatal disease of the nervous system caught via germs in the soil, usually through a wound.                                   |
| <u><a href="#">Whooping cough (pertussis)</a></u> | A highly infectious bacterial disease that can cause bouts of coughing for up to 3 months. It can be fatal if spread to young babies.        |

# Human papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine

- Protects girls and boys against nine types of [HPV](#)-related cancers and illnesses
- Is most effective when given in year 7.

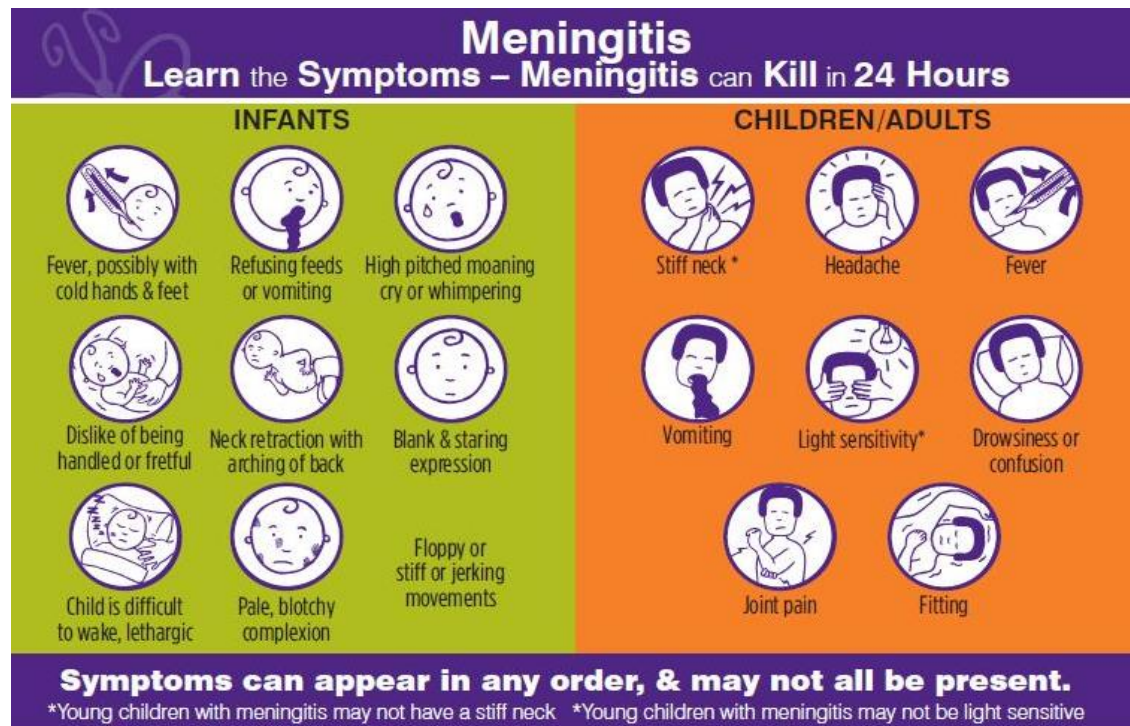
The HPV vaccine protects against



Source: [hpvvaccine.org.au](http://hpvvaccine.org.au)

# Meningococcal ACWY Vaccine

- Protects your child against [meningococcal](#) disease, a rare but serious illness that can quickly become life-threatening.



Source: [Kidzaid Australia 2014](#)

# Consent for school vaccination

- You can provide *online consent* through the [NSW School Vaccination Program portal](https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage)
- Or, a paper consent form can also be used.

Is your child in year 7 or year 10?

Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online



**Year 7**

- ☒ Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)
- ☒ Human papillomavirus (HPV)

**Year 10**

- ☒ Meningococcal ACWY

Scan the QR code to give your consent now



To provide online consent visit:  
<https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>

For more information visit:  
[health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination](https://health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination)

# **Prepare your child for school vaccination**

- Show your child [what to expect](#) during the school vaccination.
- Remind them to drinking plenty of water (not caffeinated drinks), especially in hot weather, and eat some food beforehand (to avoid fainting).
- Have your child wear sports uniform, short sleeves or loose clothing to allow easy access to the upper arm.

# **Following vaccination**

- Your child will stay in the vaccination area for 15 minutes to make sure they are feeling well.
- It is common to have mild soreness, redness, or swelling at the injection site.
- They may also feel tired or have a headache.



# How to support your child

- Encourage your child to keep moving their arm to help with muscle soreness.
- Take paracetamol for pain if required.
- Put a cold damp cloth on the injection site to relieve tenderness.
- Drink extra fluids and rest well.
- Contact your doctor or seek medical attention if your child has an unexpected reaction that you are concerned about.

# Missed vaccination



Students who miss vaccination may be offered catch-up vaccination at later school clinics.

## Did you miss your school vaccines?

Ask your parents to talk to the school, your GP or pharmacist about catch up vaccination.



Where this is not possible, free catch-up vaccine is available through your local doctors, pharmacist immunisers or Aboriginal medical services.

# School vaccination for students with physical or intellectual disabilities

- Most students with physical or intellectual disabilities can get vaccinated at school.
- Some students may need extra support on the day of vaccination.
- Some might need to go to a special immunisation clinic that offers vaccinations under close observation.
- If you think your child needs this extra support or a referral, please contact your local Public Health Unit to discuss further: 1300 066 055.

# *Is your child Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?*



Our Aboriginal Immunisation Liaison Officer (AILO) can help make your child's school immunisation a culturally safe experience.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families are encouraged to contact the AILO for any questions around the school vaccination program.

**Contact the AILO at the Public Health Unit**

Phone: 1300 066 055

Resource: [Whatchya Gunna DO?](#)

# For more information

- [NSW School Vaccination Program](#)
- [NSW Health School Vaccination video](#)
- [Translated consent materials](#)
- A step-by-step guide on how to provide consent online:
  - [English](#)
  - [Arabic العربية](#)
  - [Korean 한국어](#)
  - [Simplified Chinese 简体中文](#)
  - [Traditional Chinese 繁體中文](#)
  - [Vietnamese Tiếng Việt Nam](#).

# Contact us

Public Health Unit Immunisation Team:



1300 066 055 (ask for the immunisation team)  
8:30 am – 5 pm Monday - Friday, excluding  
public holidays



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