



Department of
Health

Adolescent Immunisation

protection for everybody

Toolkit for schools



About this toolkit

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This kit is made for educators and administrators at Western Australian schools – to help promote Adolescent Immunisation (School Based Immunisation Program) and support families to make informed decisions about immunisation.

Young people receive important immunisations in years 7 and 10 that protect against serious and sometimes life-threatening vaccine-preventable diseases. Since adolescents often move about socially, these immunisations are also important to protect their wider families and communities by helping to build up immunity.

The resources are designed for administrators and educators to easily download, copy and personalise for your school, and to support timely and accurate communications for your school's scheduled immunisation team visit.

How to use

Please get in touch if you can't find what you need or to request alternative formats.

Email communications@health.wa.gov.au

Adolescent immunisation | key facts

Adolescent Immunisation Program

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Year 7s

Year 7 students are offered:

Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine: 1 dose
The HPV vaccine protects against the human papillomavirus (HPV).

Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa) vaccine: 1 dose
The dTpa vaccine protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (pertussis).

Year 10s

Year 10 students are offered:

Meningococcal ACWY (Men ACWY) vaccine: 1 dose.

The Men ACWY vaccine protects against 4 strains of meningococcal disease.



healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation

Email / letter samples

GENERAL IMMUNISATION DAY

Subject: Adolescent Immunisation - Year 7 and Year 10 students

Dear families

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As part of this program, immunisation teams visit schools to provide free, routine and nationally recommended immunisations that protect individuals, families and the wider community against easily preventable diseases that could cause serious harm.

- Year 7s: diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) (dTpa) and human papillomavirus (HPV) - 2 injections
- Year 10s: Meningococcal ACWY - 1 injection.

Please complete the consent form (consent or decline)

Your child can't be vaccinated without your consent. You can complete the consent form via [VaccinateWA](#).

It only takes a couple of minutes and can be done at the beginning of the school year, regardless of when the team will visit our school.

Hard copy form

While use of the online form is preferred, hard copies are available from [insert contact details] or you can download, complete and return to [insert contact details] from [Adolescent immunisation on HealthyWA](#).

Information from paper forms will be electronically uploaded to VaccinateWA by the WA Health immunisation team and parents will receive email confirmation.

When will the immunisation team visit?

Immunisation teams visit WA high schools throughout the year. We will notify you via [insert communication platform].

For more information on immunisation visit [HealthyWA](#).

Thank you for working with us to support this public health initiative. For more information, please contact [insert contact details].

Email samples

UPCOMING IMMUNISATION DAY

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Print and digital resources



Guide for parents Adolescent immunisation – Year 7



Immunisations offered in high school

In Year 7, your child will be offered free, routine immunisations to protect them against vaccine-preventable diseases. An immunisation nursing team will visit your child's school.

- Year 7 students are offered 2 immunisations:
- **Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)** – (one injection) boosts immunity from a similar vaccination usually received during early childhood
 - **Human papillomavirus (HPV)** – (one injection) protects against some strains of HPV and related types of cancer.

What you need to do

Complete the form (consent or decline)

Your child can not be immunised at school without your consent. Please complete the form whether you consent or decline. Completing this form as soon as possible ahead of the nursing team visit to your child's school will ensure that the team does not need to contact you to confirm your decision.

The form can be completed:

- **Online (preferred method)** – health.wa.gov.au/adolescentconsent. **Tip:** The form can be completed ahead of time.
- **Hard copy** – If you are unable to complete the online form, please download a copy from health.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation and return the completed form to the school.

Note: If your child attends a school on **Cocos Islands** or **Christmas Island**, please complete and return the paper form provided by the school. If your dependent is a child under the care of the **Department of Communities**, please contact your dependent's case worker to complete a form and return it to their school.



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Guide for parents Adolescent immunisation – Year 10



Immunisations offered in high school

In Year 10, your child will be offered free, routine immunisations to protect them against vaccine-preventable diseases. An immunisation nursing team will visit your child's school.

Year 10 students are offered:

- **Meningococcal ACWY** – (one injection) protects against four strains of meningococcal bacteria: A, C, W and Y.

What you need to do

Complete the form (consent or decline)

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Guide for parents of year 7s

Guide for parents of year 10s

Short messages and notifications

SMS OR APP NOTIFICATIONS

Message	Character count
Coming up	
Your [Year 7/ Year 10] child is eligible for free immunisations at school this year. Learn more healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation	139
Consent reminder	
REMINDER: Please complete the immunisation consent form before [insert date]. health.wa.gov.au/adolescentconsent	113
Missed immunisation day	
Year 7 / 10 child missed immunisations at school? Catch-up locations here [web link]	

Short messages and notifications

SMS OR APP
NOTIFICATIONS

Upcoming Year 7 and Year 10 school immunisation clinic | [Insert Date]

Hello families,

A WA Health team will visit our school on [date/s] to provide [Year 7 and Year 10] students with free, routine and recommended vaccinations. To make sure your child receives their vaccinations, complete the online consent form now – health.wa.gov.au/adolescentconsent.

[Year 7s will be vaccinated against human papillomavirus (HPV) and diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) (dTpa).

[Year 10s will be vaccinated against meningococcal disease- - Men ACWY].

To find out why vaccination is important to protect your child against these serious but easily preventable diseases, visit healthywa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation.

Reminder consent **Reminder: consent form – Years 7 and 10 immunisation**

Hello families,

WA Health's immunisation team will visit our school on [date/s].

All [Year 7 and Year 10] students are eligible to receive free, routine and recommended vaccinations. To make sure your child can receive their vaccination, complete the online consent form now – health.wa.gov.au/adolescentconsent.

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APP

This week

Year 7 and Year 10 immunisation this week

Hello families,

Reminder to complete the [online consent form](#) so your [Year 7 or Year 10] child can be vaccinated at school on [date] by WA Health's immunisation team.

Year 7s will be vaccinated against human papillomavirus (HPV) and diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) (dTpa). Year 10s will be vaccinated against meningococcal disease.

On the day, make sure your child has a good breakfast, eats lunch at school and drinks plenty of water.

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Catchup if you missed

Missed vaccination at school?

Hello families,

If your child missed their vaccination at school, they are still eligible to receive a catch-up vaccine from another immunisation provider.

Participating community pharmacists and community immunisation clinics will provide the vaccination for free. You can also visit your GP or Aboriginal Medical Service (the vaccine is free, but consultation fees may apply).

Speak to your immunisation provider for more information or visit [Where can I get immunised?](#)

Advertising assets

Social media tiles and imagery can be found on the campaign page.

The assets include:

Meta – video 15 seconds

Snapchat – video 15 seconds



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Informational videos

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