

Immunisation Enrolment Toolkit

For Primary and Secondary
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Definitions

A list of definitions is included below to help primary and secondary schools understand key terms used in this toolkit.

AIR Immunisation History Form

A form completed by an immunisation provider when the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) does not have the complete immunisation history for a child, including when immunisations have been given overseas and when the immunisation provider will commence the child on a catch-up schedule for any overdue immunisations.

AIR Immunisation History Statement

A statement from the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) produced for each child that records their immunisation status (up to date, fully immunised or not up to date), all immunisations received, any immunisations due or overdue, whether the child has received all vaccines required by 5 years of age, and if a valid medical exemption is recorded.

Approved immunisation certificate

The only certificate that can be accepted by schools as proof of a child's immunisation status as part of the enrolment process under the *Public Health Act 2010*, being the AIR Immunisation History Statement or the AIR Immunisation History Form (see above).

Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

A national register that records immunisations given to people of all ages in Australia. Immunisation providers (see definition on this page) can send immunisation information to the AIR.

Enrolment

The process of accepting and booking a guaranteed place for a student in a specific primary or secondary school for the first time involving completion of an enrolment form and provision of other documentation (i.e. birth certificate, proof of address, AIR Immunisation History Statement).

Immunisation

The term used to describe the process of both getting a vaccine and becoming immune to the disease as a result.

Immunisation provider

A provider who can give immunisations and record them on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR), including general practitioners (GPs), local councils, Aboriginal Medical Services (AMSs) and community health.

Public health unit (PHU)

NSW Health staff that are responsible for identifying, preventing and minimising public health risks to the community, including working with schools to manage disease outbreaks. PHUs can be contacted on **1300 066 055**.

School

A primary or secondary government or non-government school established or registered under the *Education Act 1990*.

School immunisation register

A register maintained by a school that records the current immunisation status of all enrolled children as required under the *Public Health Act 2010*.

1. Introduction

This toolkit has been developed to help primary and secondary schools to comply with their legal responsibilities under the NSW *Public Health Act 2010*, including:

- requesting an approved immunisation form at enrolment that shows that the student is:
 - fully immunised for their age;
 - not fully immunised for their age; or
 - has a medical reason not to be immunised; or
 - is on a recognised catch-up schedule
- maintaining an immunisation register that records the immunisation status of students at enrollment
- retaining immunisation records for 3 years from the date on which each enrolled student ceases to attend the school, and providing a copy of a student's immunisation certificate to a new school where the child is due to enrol (upon request)
- notifying their local public health unit if an enrolled student has a vaccine preventable disease; or if an unvaccinated enrolled student has come into contact with a person with a vaccine preventable disease.

More information about these legal responsibilities is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

1.1 Immunisation

Immunisation programs in NSW have been extremely effective in reducing the risk of vaccine preventable diseases. All children are able to access free vaccines under the National Immunisation Program from birth to provide them with the earliest protection against vaccine preventable diseases.

Schools are an important setting for the control of vaccine preventable diseases because students are in close contact with each other and with objects in the school environment that may help spread diseases.

1.2 Immunisation requirements under the NSW *Public Health Act 2010*

As part of a scheduled review of the *Public Health Act 2010*, the provisions relating to immunisation in schools have been amended. The table below lists the responsibilities on primary and secondary school principals under the *Public Health Act 2010* from 1 April 2018:

When?	What?	More Info?
At enrolment	<p>Principals of primary and secondary schools must request that parents provide an approved immunisation certificate that shows their child's immunisation status, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is fully immunised for their age, or • is not fully immunised for their age, or • has a medical reason not to be vaccinated, or • is on a recognised catch-up schedule if the child has fallen behind with their immunisations. <p>While students can still be enrolled if an approved immunisation certificate is not provided, these children will be classified as unimmunised and may be excluded from school if there is an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease at the school OR if they come into contact with a person with a vaccine preventable disease, even if there is no an outbreak at the school.</p> <p>Record the child's immunisation status on the immunisation register at enrolment.</p>	<p>Page 6-9</p> <p>Page 10-11</p>
If a child transfers to another school	Provide a copy of the student's approved immunisation certificate to the principal of the new school where the student is due to enrol (upon request).	Page 10
<p>If an enrolled student has a vaccine preventable disease</p> <p>OR</p> <p>if an unvaccinated enrolled student has come into contact with a person with a vaccine preventable disease</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact your local public health unit on 1300 066 055 and provide the name and details of the student with a vaccine preventable disease OR of the unimmunised student who has come into contact with a person with a vaccine preventable disease, even if there is no outbreak at the school* 2. Follow the directions of the public health unit relating to the provision of information to parents and/or the exclusion of students. <p>*Principals must provide the name of students in these circumstances as specified in the Public Health Act 2010 and this overrides any privacy concerns.</p>	Page 12

1.3 Background to the changes

These changes have been made to strengthen immunisation enrolment requirements and to help manage disease outbreaks in schools and the community. In particular, the changes are in response to:

- An increase in the incidence of some vaccine preventable diseases in secondary school aged children.
- The need to exclude unvaccinated students who have been in contact with someone with a vaccine preventable disease from attending school, regardless of whether or not there is an outbreak at the school, to prevent the passing of disease onto other persons given many diseases are infectious before any definitive symptoms show.
- Easier access to the vaccination records of older children with the extension of the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to a whole of life register in 2016.

2. Australian Immunisation Register

The Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) is a national register that records details of immunisations given to people of all ages in Australia.**

2.1 AIR Immunisation History Statement

The AIR provides an Immunisation History Statement to parents/guardians which is used to help keep track of their child's immunisations and as proof of immunisation for enrolment in schools. Parents/guardians can access updated statements at any time (up to the child being 14 years of age) by:

- using their Medicare online account through myGov at <https://my.gov.au/>
- using the Medicare Express Plus App at www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/subjects/express-plus-mobile-apps
- calling the AIR General Enquiries Line on **1800 653 809** (mailed statement may take more than a week to arrive)

Children aged 14 years and over can request their own Immunisation History Statement from the AIR by using or creating their own Medicare online account through myGov <https://my.gov.au/>

2.2 AIR Immunisation Documentation Requirements

To enrol in a school, **parents/guardians should provide a copy of one of the following immunisation forms:**

- a current **AIR Immunisation History Statement** showing that a child is 'up to date' or 'not up to date' with their immunisations, including where a child has an approved medical contraindication or natural immunity to one or more vaccines, OR
- an **AIR Immunisation History Form** for a child who does not have a complete immunisation history on the AIR and may be on a recognised catch-up schedule, which has been certified by an immunisation provider.

Other records must not be accepted as evidence of immunisation status, such as the NSW Personal Health Record (Blue Book), a GP letter or an overseas immunisation record.

2.3 Overseas records

Overseas immunisation records must **not** be accepted directly from the parent/guardian. Advise the parent/guardian to take their child's immunisation records to an approved immunisation provider to record on the AIR using the AIR Immunisation History Form (see page 9). Overseas records must be translated into English before they can be recorded on the AIR.

When the child's AIR record has been updated with their overseas immunisations, the parent/guardian can access their child's updated AIR Immunisation History Statement (see 2.1 above).

2.4 Temporary Resident Visas and Refugees

Children who have temporary resident or refugee status are required to attend a GP/nurse to have their immunisation status assessed and an AIR Immunisation History Form completed. A copy of this form should be presented to the school where they are to be enrolled. Children who do not have a Medicare card are still able to have their immunisations recorded/accessed on AIR.



**NSW Health is working with the Australian Government to arrange for details of vaccinations given in secondary schools to be uploaded to the AIR from 2019.

3. Examples of Approved Immunisation Forms

The AIR Immunisation History Statement is mailed to parents/guardians after their child has completed their immunisations at 4 years of age. As children enrolling in primary or secondary will likely be at least 4 years of age, this form will most commonly be presented at enrolment. The only approved immunisation forms that can be accepted are listed at scenarios 1-4, noting that children can still be enrolled if an approved immunisation certificate is **not** provided.

Scenario 1 – AIR Immunisation History Statement – fully immunised child (4 years and older)

Children who have received all of their scheduled immunisations by 4 years of age will receive an up to date AIR Immunisation History Statement showing that the child does not require any further immunisations before starting primary school.


Australian Government
 Department of Human Services


Immunisation history statement

As at: 24 May 2017
 For: POM CHEU AJAY
 Date of birth: 10 March 2013
 Immunisation status: up to date

Schedule	Date given	Immunisation	Brand name given
2 months	10 May 2013	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hib Hepatitis B Polio Pneumococcal Rotavirus	Infanrix Hexa Prevenar 13 Rotarix
4 months	10 Aug 2013	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hib Hepatitis B Polio Pneumococcal Rotavirus	Infanrix Hexa Prevenar 13 Rotarix
6 months	10 Nov 2013	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hib Hepatitis B Polio Pneumococcal Rotavirus	Infanrix Hexa Prevenar 13 Rotarix
12 months	10 Mar 2014	Measles Mumps Rubella Hib Meningococcal C	MMR II Menitorix
18 months	10 Nov 2014	Measles Mumps Rubella Varicella	Priorix-Tetra
4 years	03 Mar 2017	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Polio	Quadracel

Next immunisation/s due	Date Due
No vaccines due.	

Notice/s
This child has received all vaccines required by 5 years of age.



Child is up to date.

This child is fully immunised.

ACTION: Select 'Up to Date – AIR Immunisation History Statement' in your immunisation register drop-down list

Scenario 2 – AIR Immunisation History Statement – not up to date (4 years and older)

Children who have not received all of their scheduled immunisations by 4 years of age will receive an AIR Immunisation History Statement showing that the child is 'not up to date' with the Immunisation Schedule.


Australian Government
 Department of Human Services


Immunisation history statement

As at: 18 May 2017
For: FAITH EDWINA
Date of birth: 03 December 2011
Immunisation status: not up to date

Schedule	Date given	Immunisation	Brand name given
Birth	06 Dec 2011	Hepatitis B	HB VAXII
2 months	03 Feb 2012	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hib Hepatitis B Polio Pneumococcal	Infanrix Hexa Prevenar 13
4 months	03 Apr 2012	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hib Hepatitis B Polio Pneumococcal Rotavirus	Infanrix Hexa Prevenar 13 RotaTeq
6 months	03 Jun 2012	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hib Hepatitis B Polio Pneumococcal	Infanrix Hexa Prevenar 13
18 months	03 Sep 2016	Varicella	Varilrix
Other	03 Dec 2013	Pneumococcal	Pneumovax 23

Next immunisation/s due	Date Due
Measles Mumps Rubella	03 Dec 2012
Meningococcal C	03 Dec 2012
Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis	03 Dec 2015
Polio	03 Dec 2015
Notice/s	

Child is not up to date.

The child's next due immunisations are listed here

ACTION: Select 'Not up to Date - AIR Immunisation History Statement' in your immunisation register drop-down list

Scenario 3 – AIR Immunisation History Statement – Medical contraindications or natural immunity

Parents/guardians of children who have a medical condition that prevents them from being immunised, or who have natural immunity to a vaccine preventable disease, should attend their GP or medical specialist to have an AIR Immunisation Medical Exemption Form completed, signed and sent to the AIR. Parents/guardians should then access an updated AIR Immunisation History Statement that records the medical contraindication/natural immunity and provide it to the school for enrolment.


Australian Government
 Department of Human Services


Immunisation history statement

As at: 18 May 2017
For: JENNIFER J ROBERTSON
Date of birth: 25 July 2012
Immunisation status: up to date

Schedule	Date given	Immunisation	Brand name given
2 months	25 Sep 2012	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis	DTP
		Polio	Poliomyelitis
4 months	25 Oct 2012	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis	DTP
		Polio	Poliomyelitis
6 months	25 Nov 2012	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis	DTP
		Polio	Poliomyelitis
12 months	14 Jul 2016	Measles Mumps Rubella	MMR II
		Hib Meningococcal C	Menitorix
18 months	02 Mar 2017	Measles Mumps Rubella	MMR II
4 years	02 Mar 2017	Polio	IPOL
		Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis	Infanrix
Other	10 May 2016	Influenza	Fluarix Tetra
	01 Nov 2016	Influenza	Fluarix
	08 May 2017	Influenza	Fluarix Tetra

Next immunisation/s due	Date Due
No vaccines due.	

Notice/s

Medical contraindication to Hepatitis B recorded on 01 Sep 2016.

Natural immunity to Varicella recorded on 01 Jan 2016.

Up to date.

Medical contraindication and/or natural immunity to one or more vaccines will be listed here (mailed version of the AIR Immunisation History Statement is shown)

ACTION: Select 'Medical Exemption - AIR Immunisation History Statement' from the drop-down list in your Immunisation Register

Scenario 4 – AIR Immunisation History Form – Catch-up Schedule

The AIR Immunisation History Form is completed by a GP/nurse when the AIR does not have a record of immunisations given by another immunisation provider (i.e. for vaccines given overseas), and/or the GP/nurse has organised to commence the child on a catch-up schedule for any overdue vaccines.

As catch-up schedules are not reflected on AIR Immunisation History Statements, an AIR Immunisation History Form should be signed and dated by a GP/nurse who must forward it to the AIR and provide a copy to the parent/guardian to give to the school at enrolment.

Australian Immunisation Register immunisation history form CLAIM ID

Part A – individual's details

Medicare number – Ref no. Date of birth / / Male ☐ Female ☐

Family name First given name Initial

Address Postcode

Part B – Immunisation details – Only immunisations that are not already recorded on the AIR need to be included on this form.

Recommended age	Vaccines given (Please mark with an X)						Date of immunisation	If given overseas	
Birth	Engerix-B	<input type="checkbox"/>	HBVax II	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
2 months	Infanrix	<input type="checkbox"/>	InfanrixHepB	<input type="checkbox"/>	Infanrix Hexa	<input type="checkbox"/>	Infanrix IPV	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	IPOL	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oral Polio	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Comvax	<input type="checkbox"/>	PedvaxHIB	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Prevenar 13	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prevenar 7	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Rotarix	<input type="checkbox"/>	RotaTeq	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other (please specify)							<input type="checkbox"/>	
4 months	Infanrix	<input type="checkbox"/>	InfanrixHepB	<input type="checkbox"/>	Infanrix Hexa	<input type="checkbox"/>	Infanrix IPV	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	IPOL	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oral Polio	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Comvax	<input type="checkbox"/>	PedvaxHIB	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Prevenar 13	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prevenar 7	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Rotarix	<input type="checkbox"/>	RotaTeq	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other (please specify)							<input type="checkbox"/>	
6 months	Infanrix	<input type="checkbox"/>	InfanrixHepB	<input type="checkbox"/>	Infanrix Hexa	<input type="checkbox"/>	Infanrix IPV	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	IPOL	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oral Polio	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Prevenar 13	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prevenar 7	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	RotaTeq	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Other (please specify)							<input type="checkbox"/>	
	12 months	M-M-R II	<input type="checkbox"/>	Priorix	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>
Comvax		<input type="checkbox"/>	Hiberix	<input type="checkbox"/>	PedvaxHIB	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Meningitec		<input type="checkbox"/>	NeisVac-C	<input type="checkbox"/>	Menjugate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Menitorix	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (please specify)							<input type="checkbox"/>		
18 months		Varilrix	<input type="checkbox"/>	Varivax	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>
		Priorix-Tetra	<input type="checkbox"/>	ProQuad	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>
	Tripacel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Infanrix	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other (please specify)							<input type="checkbox"/>	
4 years	Infanrix	<input type="checkbox"/>	Infanrix IPV	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quadracel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tripacel	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	IPOL	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oral Polio	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	M-M-R II	<input type="checkbox"/>	Priorix	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other (please specify)							<input type="checkbox"/>	
Planned catch up for overdue vaccines	If you have organised to commence the individual on a catch up schedule for any overdue vaccines you were unable to administer today, tick this box. Please follow up with the family to ensure they return for the planned vaccination as only one catch up schedule can ever be recorded per child. This section may be used to support testing of natural immunity or when ordering in additional required vaccines. You should not tick the box if: • you have vaccinated the individual and they are no longer overdue for any vaccines, or • you feel the parent/guardian does not intend to vaccinate their child							<input type="checkbox"/>	

Part C – Vaccination provider's details and declaration

Note: A recognised vaccination provider must complete and sign this section (e.g. GP, Council, etc.).

Medicare provider/AIR registration number Provider name

I certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct and that I have obtained proof of the vaccination(s) given.
Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

Provider's signature Date / /

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Reset form Print form

Immunisation providers complete Part B (birth to 4 years of age) to record vaccines that have previously been given but are not recorded on the AIR (i.e. vaccines given overseas), and/or to record vaccines given by the immunisation provider on the day (i.e. catch-up vaccination)

Immunisation providers mark this box to document that they have commenced the child on a catch-up schedule for vaccines not given on the day

Check that all parts have been completed. In Part C the GP/nurse must provide their Medicare provider/AIR registration number, full name, date and signature.

ACTION: Select 'Catch-up Schedule – AIR Immunisation History' from the drop-down list in your immunisation register

4. Immunisation record keeping

4.1 What records must be kept?

Under the *Public Health Act 2010*, schools must maintain an immunisation register that records the immunisation status and forms held for all enrolled students. This information is used by the public health unit to manage outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.

4.2 What is the NSW Health School Immunisation Register?

The NSW Health School Immunisation Register is a template provided by NSW Health to help schools record the immunisation status of children at enrolment as required under the *Public Health Act 2010*. An electronic version of the template in MS Excel format is available for download on the NSW Health website (www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation). All schools should ensure that their immunisation register is consistent with the NSW Health School Immunisation Register and can be used to rapidly identify the immunisation status of all students at enrolment at any time in the event of an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease at their school.

4.3 How long must these records be kept?

The immunisation register and immunisation forms must be stored in a secure location and retained for a period of **three years** from the date on which each enrolled student ceases to attend the school, and be produced for inspection by the public health unit officer as requested i.e. during an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease.

4.4 What if a student transfers to another school?

Should a student transfer to another school, a copy of the student's immunisation certificate must, if requested by the new school, be provided to the principal of the new school where the child is due to enrol.

4.5 What about privacy?

Privacy regarding the immunisation status of all enrolled students must be maintained at all times. Should a parent/guardian enquire about the immunisation status of another enrolled student(s), this information must **not** be provided.

Principals must provide the name, immunisation status and other details of enrolled students to public health unit staff if the student has a vaccine preventable disease OR if the student has come into contact with a person with a vaccine preventable disease. In these circumstances, the need to provide this information overrides any privacy concerns.

5. School immunisation register

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6. Notifying vaccine preventable diseases

Some vaccine preventable diseases are notifiable conditions under the *Public Health Act 2010*. Principals have an important role in preventing disease transmission by contacting their local public health unit on **1300 066 055** if they become aware that an enrolled student has a vaccine preventable disease OR that an unimmunised enrolled student has come into contact with a person with a vaccine preventable disease, even if there is no outbreak at the school.

The list below describes the notifiable vaccine preventable diseases under the *Public Health Act 2010*:

Disease	Description
Diphtheria	Bacterial disease spread by respiratory droplets – causes severe throat and breathing difficulties, nerve paralysis and heart failure
Tetanus	Caused by toxin of bacteria in soil – causes painful muscle spasms, convulsions and lockjaw
Pertussis (whooping cough)	Bacterial disease spread by respiratory droplets – causes 'whooping cough' with prolonged cough lasting up to 3 months
<i>Haemophilus Influenzae</i> type b (Hib)	Bacterial disease spread by respiratory droplets – causes meningitis (infection of tissues around brain), epiglottitis (blockage of airway), septicaemia (blood infection) and septic arthritis (joint infection)
Polio	Virus spread in faeces and saliva – causes fever, headache and vomiting and may progress to paralysis
Measles	Highly infectious virus spread by respiratory droplets – causes fever, cough and rash
Mumps	Virus spread by saliva – causes swollen neck and salivary glands and fever
Rubella	Virus spread by respiratory droplets and causes fever, rash and swollen glands but can cause severe birth defects in babies of infected pregnant women
Meningococcal C	Bacteria spread by respiratory droplets – causes septicaemia (blood infection) and meningitis (infection of tissues around brain)

School principals are required to notify vaccine preventable diseases to their local public health unit (PHU) on 1300 066 055

7. NSW Immunisation Schedule

The NSW Immunisation Schedule lists all the funded vaccines and the ages they are recommended to be given under the National Immunisation Program. The current NSW Immunisation Schedule is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Publications/nsw-immunisation-schedule.pdf.

8. Staff vaccination

In addition to students being fully up to date with their immunisations, the National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHMRC) *Australian Immunisation Handbook* recognises that certain occupations, including teaching, are associated with an increased risk of some vaccine preventable diseases.

It is recommended that school teachers be protected against:

- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Varicella (chicken pox)
- Influenza

While many teachers may have been immunised as children and/or adolescents under the National Immunisation Program, it is recommended that all teachers be protected against these diseases. All schools are recommended to have a comprehensive vaccination program in place for teachers as a work health and safety measure and to help manage the risk of disease transmission in the school setting.

More information is available in the NHMRC's Australian Immunisation Handbook at www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/Handbook10-home (see Part 3.3.7 *Vaccination of persons at occupational risk*).

9. NSW School Vaccination Program

NSW Health works in partnership with secondary schools to offer the vaccines recommended for adolescents by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) in a school-based vaccination program.

The program commenced in 2004 and continues to be an effective mechanism to achieve high coverage and protect adolescents from a range of vaccine preventable diseases. There have been significant changes to the program over time relating to the introduction or cessation of vaccines, changes in the recommended sex and ages for vaccination, and policy changes to extend the opportunity to provide catch-up vaccination.

In 2018, the following vaccines will be offered in Years 7, 10 and 11:

ADOLESCENT VACCINES - SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM		
Year 7	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis	BOOSTRIX
	Human papillomavirus (2 doses)	GARDASIL 9
Years 10-11	Meningococcal ACWY	MENACTRA

NSW Health appreciates the ongoing support of secondary schools in the implementation of this important public health program to help keep students healthy.

More information about the NSW School Vaccination Program is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation. Parents wishing to obtain records for vaccines given at school should contact their local public health unit on 1300 066 055.

10. Resources

A number of resources are available in addition to this toolkit to support schools and parents to understand the immunisation requirements and to answer general questions about immunisation.

Parent brochure

A parent brochure has been developed to help parents/guardians understand the immunisation enrolment requirements in schools.

10 copies of the parent brochure are included with this toolkit and additional copies can be ordered by sending a request to NSW Health's Better Health Centre at NSLHD-BHC@health.nsw.gov.au (ask for the school parent brochure and include a contact name, contact number and delivery address). The brochure has also been translated into 26 community languages.

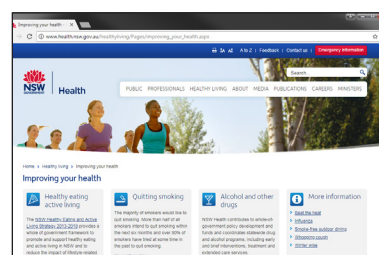
Link: www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation



NSW Health immunisation webpage

Visit the website for everything you need to know about childhood immunisation. Here you'll find detailed Q&As, videos and a printable immunisation schedule.

Link: www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation



Save the Date app

An easy-to-use reminder tool that helps parents immunise their kids on-time. Create personalised immunisation schedules and you'll receive notifications when your kid's shots are due.

Download via [Google Play](#) or the [App Store](#) or the [Windows Store](#).



Notifying diseases

School principals should notify their public health unit on 1300 066 055 as soon as possible after they have been made aware that a child enrolled at the school has one of the vaccine preventable diseases listed on p.12 OR if an unimmunised student has come into contact with a person with one of these diseases, even if there is no outbreak at the school".

Link: www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/Pages/notification.aspx

Immunise Australia Program

This website provides information on the Australian Government's National Immunisation Program, including the vaccines recommended and funded for children and adolescents.

Link: www.immunise.health.gov.au/





