



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](mailto:communications@health.wa.gov.au)

# Adolescent immunisation | key facts

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## 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](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation)

# Email / letter samples

## GENERAL IMMUNISATION DAY

**Subject:** Adolescent Immunisation - Year 7 and Year 10 students

Dear families

WA Health in partnership with the education sector, will deliver its Adolescent Immunisation program to Year 7 and Year 10 students in high schools across Western Australia.

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 early in the beginning of the school year, regardless of when the team will visit our school.

The Department of Health will follow up with parents who have not responded to the consent request via text message.

**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

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## UPCOMING IMMUNISATION DAY

**Subject:** Adolescent Immunisation - Year 7 and Year 10 students

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 – [health.wa.gov.au/adolescentconsent](https://health.wa.gov.au/adolescentconsent).

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Year 10s will be vaccinated against meningococcal disease.

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To find out why vaccination is important to protect your child against these serious but easily preventable diseases, visit [healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation).

# 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](https://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](https://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.

### What to expect

#### When will the nursing team visit my child's high school?

The nursing teams visit high schools across WA throughout the year. Your school will let you know before immunisation day via the school's preferred communication method. If you're unsure, please check directly with the school.

#### How to make sure your child is prepared for immunisation

While the immunisation itself is very quick, the anticipation may cause stress for some students.

Nursing teams work extensively with high school students and are skilled at making sure your child is informed, comfortable and cared for. However, there are simple things you can do to make sure your child is prepared:

- Share with your child why vaccination is important: it helps to protect them and others in the community who may be more vulnerable to disease.
- Walk your child through the diseases they'll be protected against by receiving the vaccines.
- Talk to your child about how they are feeling about immunisation and let them know what to expect.
- Reassure with facts and show them these helpful videos.
- Make sure your child has eaten their regular meals and has water to remain hydrated.



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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

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## SMS OR APP NOTIFICATIONS

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

# Short messages and notifications

## Reminder consent

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

Hello families,

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

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## 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.

To find out why vaccination is important to protect your child against these serious but easily preventable diseases, visit [Healthy WA](#).

## 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

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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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# Advertising assets

Posters can be downloaded from the campaigns landing page:

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# Informational videos

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These videos can be viewed on the [HealthyWA YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqWz8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8).

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