

NSW School Vaccination Program 2024

Dear Principal

From 2024 parents can provide consent online for their child's routine school vaccinations.

The following vaccines are offered free to students at school:

- in Year 7 - diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) and human papillomavirus (HPV)
- in Year 10 - meningococcal ACWY vaccine

Vaccination will only be provided at school if consent has been received. To provide consent for vaccination online, parents/carers will need:

- their Service NSW log-in details, or to [create an account with Service NSW](#) if they don't already have one
- Medicare details for parents/carers and their child

Benefits of online consent for parents/carers:

- SMS notifications when vaccinations are given
- easy updating of their child's details online
- faster upload of their child's vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

What do we need to do?

- **For online consent** you can send an email/newsletter to parents/carers of Year 7 and Year 10 students that includes advice on how they can provide online consent for vaccination
- **Printed consent materials** are also available and can be distributed to students where parents/carers cannot provide online consent, including for parents/carers or students who do not have a Medicare card or internet access (school staff will still need to collect signed printed consent forms, and give them to the PP)
- you will be provided with a list of consented students (online) before the scheduled clinic to enable school staff to bring students to the clinic.

To help communicate with parents, it would be appreciated if you could please:

- use the draft email to send an email or newsletter to parents/carers of Year 7 and Year 10 students, including the link to online consent for vaccination.
- a helpful video about the NSW School Vaccination Program and how to provide consent is available for parents on the NSW Health webpage please visit <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>

If you have any further questions, please contact the Immunisation Team at SWSLHD Public Health Unit. on 9794 0855.

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Thank you for your assistance and support in ensuring the success of this important public health program.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hall'.

Dr John Hall
A/Director, Public Health Unit

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Proforma for schools to provide written notification to the Director, SWSLHD Public Health Unit. Of any withdrawals of consent from NSW School Vaccination Program.

Where consent has been given **online**, a parent/guardian can log-in online and follow the prompts to withdraw consent. The parent/ guardian can also choose to provide schools with written notification of the withdrawal of consent and /or telephone the school to withdraw consent.

Where consent has been given on the **paper-based consent form**, a parent/ guardian will need to provide schools with written notification of the withdrawal of consent and/or telephone the school to withdraw consent.

{Insert school crest and details}

Dear Director of the SWSLHD or Immunisation Team member.

<name of school> has received a withdrawal of consent from a parent/guardian for the school vaccination program.

The withdrawal of consent was received on <date> for <student name> in <year group>. Consent is withdrawn for the <name of vaccine>.

Yours sincerely

Name of Principal: _____

Signature of Principal: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to the SWSLHD Public Health Unit email address:
SWSLHD-SchoolProgram@health.nsw.gov.au

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NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

In 2024 the following vaccines will be offered:

If your child is in Year 7 or Year 10 this year, you can now provide online consent for their routine school vaccinations.

In Year 7, students are offered free vaccines for diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) and human papillomavirus (HPV). In Year 10, students are offered the meningococcal ACWY vaccine.

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How to Provide consent

1. To complete online consent for your child's school vaccinations, visit:
<https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>
2. Follow the steps to log in to your existing ServiceNSW account. This is the same account you may already use to renew your driver's licence. If you don't have a [ServiceNSW](#) account, refer to [ServiceNSW](#) to create one.
3. Update or confirm your personal details in ServiceNSW as required.
4. Complete the School Vaccination Consent Form for your child/ren. You will need to:
 - a) Enter your child's personal details.
 - b) Provide the Medicare card details for you and your child.
 - c) Read the linked [Parent Information Sheet and privacy statement. Translations available in 27 languages](#)
 - d) Provide consent.

If you or your child do not have a Medicare card, consent can still be provided by requesting a paper-based consent form directly from your child's school.

The benefits of providing consent online:

- easily update your child's details
- receive SMS and/or email notifications when vaccinations are given
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

For more information on routine school vaccinations, please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination.

If you require information in your language, please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/school_vaccination_language.aspx

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