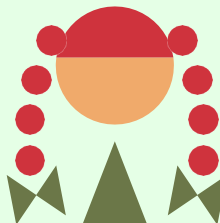




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**Adolescent
Immunisation**
protection for everybody

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 vaccination (School-based Immunisation Program) and support families to make informed decisions about vaccinations.

Adolescents receive important vaccinations in years 7 and 10 that protect against serious and sometimes life-threatening vaccine-preventable diseases. Since adolescents often move about socially, these vaccinations 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 vaccination 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 vaccination | key facts

Adolescent vaccination 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, the A,C,W and Y strains.



healthy.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation

Email sample

GENERAL VACCINATION AND CONSENT INFORMATION

Subject: Adolescent vaccination - Year 7 and Year 10 students

Dear families

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

As part of this program, vaccination teams visit schools to provide free, routine and nationally recommended vaccinations 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 intent form to consent or decline

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

It only takes a couple of minutes and can be done early at the start 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 from [Adolescent immunisation on HealthyWA](#), complete and return to [insert contact details].

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

When will the vaccination team visit?

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

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

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

Letter sample

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UPCOMING VACCINATION DAY

Subject: Adolescent vaccination - Year 7 and Year 10 students

Hello families,

WA Health's vaccination 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 adolescent can receive their vaccination, complete the [online intent form](#).

Year 7s will be vaccinated against human papilloma virus (HPV) and diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough).

Year 10s will be vaccinated against meningococcal disease.

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

Print and digital resources

Visit [HealthyWA](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation) to download guides for parents of Year 7s and Year 10s.



Guide for parents Adolescent vaccination – Year 7

Key points:

- Vaccination protects your adolescent and community from serious diseases.
- Most adolescents experience little to no discomfort from vaccinations.
- Your GP or pharmacist may also be able to vaccinate your child. If you prefer this option, please let our nurses know by selecting the 'Decline' option when you fill out the form.

More about diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and HPV vaccinations

Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (dtpa) vaccination

The dtpa vaccination is a 3-in-1 injection that helps protect against 3 potentially serious diseases – diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough). Getting this vaccination in high school helps to maintain effective immunity into adulthood. This vaccination protects adolescents and the broader community from diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough, and particularly vulnerable people such as babies by helping to stop the spread of these diseases.

Diphtheria is a contagious and potentially life threatening bacterial infection causing difficulty breathing, heart failure and nerve damage. It is spread by breathing in the bacteria after an infected person coughs or sneezes.

Tetanus is not spread from person to person, rather it is a bacterial infection that can enter the body from an injury caused by a break in the skin. It can cause painful muscle spasms and heart failure.

Whooping cough is a potentially life-threatening bacterial infection that attacks the airways causing uncontrollable coughing and difficulty breathing. Like diphtheria, it is spread by breathing in the bacteria after an infected person coughs or sneezes.

Fully vaccinated adolescents will be protected for many years but may require a booster dose in the future for protection against pertussis or if an injury places them at risk of tetanus.

Vaccinations offered in high school

In Year 7, your adolescent will be offered free, routine vaccinations to protect them against vaccine-preventable diseases.

A nursing team, certified in vaccination, will visit your adolescent's school to offer:

- **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.

Further information is available at [health.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation)



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[Guide for parents of Year 7s](#)



Guide for parents Adolescent vaccination – Year 10

Key points:

- Vaccination protects your adolescent and community from serious diseases.
- Most adolescents experience little to no discomfort from vaccinations.
- Your GP or pharmacist may also be able to vaccinate your adolescent. If you prefer this option, please let our nurses know by selecting the 'Decline' option when you fill out the form.

What you need to do

Complete the form (consent or decline)

Your adolescent cannot be vaccinated at school without your consent. Whether you consent or decline, it is important to complete the form ahead of the nursing team's visit. Only a parent or legal guardian can give consent or decline vaccination for an adolescent.

The form can be completed:

- **Online** (preferred method) – [health.wa.gov.au/adolescentconsent](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/adolescentconsent)
- **Hard copy** – Completing the online form is preferred. If you are unable to complete the online form, download a copy from [health.wa.gov.au/adolescentconsent](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/adolescentconsent) and return the completed form to the school.

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

Vaccinations offered in high school

In Year 10, your adolescent will be offered free, routine vaccinations to protect them against vaccine-preventable diseases. A nursing team, certified in vaccinations, will visit your adolescent's school to offer:

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

Further information is available at [health.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation)

More about meningococcal vaccination

Meningococcal disease

Meningococcal disease is an uncommon, but sometimes life-threatening illness. It can progress very quickly. The disease is a result of a bacterial infection of the blood and/or the membranes that line the spinal cord and brain.

Meningococcal disease can affect any age group, however some of the highest rates of carriage and illness occur among adolescents. This age group can also transmit bacteria to people who are at an increased risk of infection such as younger children.

It is anticipated that, as well as protecting adolescents, vaccinating Year 10 students will reduce transmission of the bacteria to others and help prevent infections within the wider community.

The Meningococcal ACWY vaccine is safe and effective and protects against 4 types of meningococcal bacteria: A, C, W and Y.

[health.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation)

[Guide for parents of Year 10s](#)

Short messages and notifications

SMS OR APP NOTIFICATIONS

Message	Character count
Coming up	
Your [Year 7/ Year 10] adolescent is eligible for free vaccination at school this year. Learn more on HealthyWA	101
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REMINDER: Please complete the vaccination intent form before [insert date].	81
Missed vaccination day	
Year 7 / 10 adolescent missed vaccination at school? Visit Where can I get immunised?	97

Short messages and notifications

APP

This week

Year 7 and Year 10 vaccination this week

Hello families,

Reminder to complete the [online intent form](#) so your [Year 7 or Year 10] adolescent can be vaccinated at school on [date] by WA Health's vaccination 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, encourage your adolescent to have a nutritious breakfast and lunch and drink plenty of water.

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

Catchup if you missed

Missed vaccination at school?

Hello families,

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

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

Speak to your vaccination 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 – 15 second videos

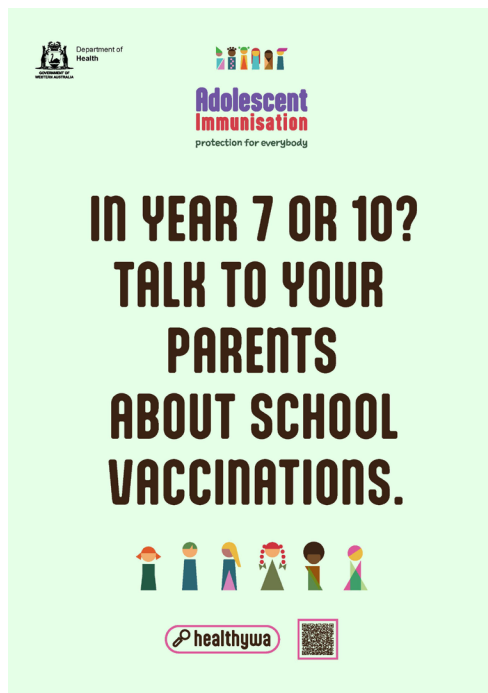
Visit [Adolescent immunisation campaign](#) to download advertising assets.



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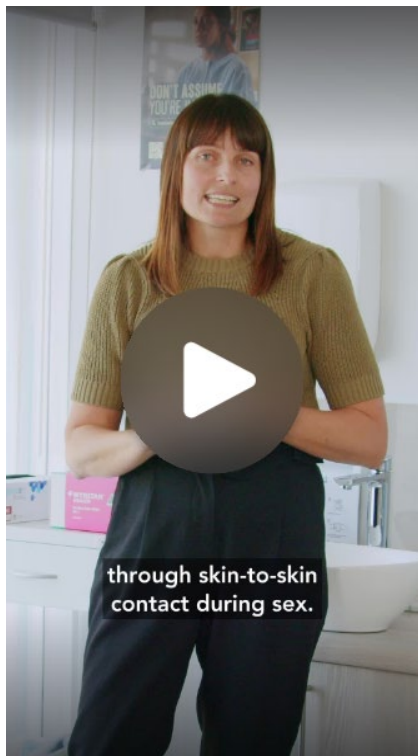
Poster can be downloaded from the campaigns landing page:

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Informational videos

These videos can be viewed on the [HealthyWA YouTube channel](#).



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