NSW Health is ensuring that students are safely vaccinated at school during COVID-19

- Information for schools

NSW Health has been working with education authorities to implement additional measures to ensure that students in Year 7 and 10 can be safely vaccinated during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Program background

In 2020 NSW Health is offering the following vaccines:

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<th>YEAR</th>
<th>VACCINE</th>
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<td>Year 7</td>
<td>Human papillomavirus (HPV)</td>
<td>2 doses at least 6 months apart</td>
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<td>Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (dTpa)</td>
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<td>Year 10</td>
<td>Meningococcal ACWY</td>
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While the school vaccination program has been disrupted due to low student attendance, students are progressively returning to school over the coming months.

Additional measures

NSW Health has implemented additional measures based on expert clinical advice to reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission in school clinics, including:

- health screening of nurses before clinics
- pre-vaccination screening of students
- physical distancing restrictions at the clinic entrance & observation area
- ensuring the number of students and nurses at the clinic does not exceed the maximum allowed
- enhanced hand hygiene by nurses and students
- enhanced environmental cleaning of all surfaces

What schools should do

Schools are requested to:

- distribute NSW Health messaging for parents/guardians (available at the link under ‘More Information’ below) using your normal communication channels
- work with your local public health unit (PHU) to confirm clinics, collect signed Consent Forms & support the running of clinics on the day
- advise parents/guardians that students with influenza-like symptoms must not attend school and should be tested as soon as possible (www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/symptoms-and-testing)

More information

Information about school vaccination during COVID-19 is available at www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination