

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 2021 NSW Health is offering the following vaccines:

YEAR	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV)	2 doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (dTpa)	1 dose
Year 10	Meningococcal ACWY	1 dose

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 is available at www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination