



Year 7

School-based Immunisation

WA Health delivers a free, routine and nationally recommended adolescent vaccination program in partnership with the education sector through the School-based Immunisation Program (SBIP). A nursing team, certified in vaccination, will visit schools to provide 2 vaccines.

What vaccines are offered in Year 7?

- One dose of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine (dTpa) – boosts immunity from a similar vaccine usually received during early childhood.
- One dose of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine – protects against some strains of HPV as well as cancers and genital warts caused by HPV.

Why are vaccines offered in Year 7?

Vaccination is the most effective way to protect your adolescent from diseases that can cause serious harm.

The dTpa vaccine helps protect against 3 potentially serious diseases – diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. Getting this booster dose in adolescence helps to maintain effective immunity into adulthood.

HPV vaccines are highly effective when given in adolescence, before exposure to HPV and when the body's immune response is strongest, helping prevent common cancers and genital warts caused by HPV.



Immunisation intent



Why complete immunisation intent now?

Your child can't be vaccinated without your consent.

Whether you consent or decline, it is important to complete the form ahead of the nursing team's visit.

How to complete immunisation intent

Online health.wa.gov.au/adolescentconsent

Hard copy – if you are unable to complete the online form, download a copy from healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation 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.

When will vaccinations happen?

Vaccination teams visit WA high schools throughout the year. Your school will notify you before vaccination day via the school's preferred communication method.

Need more information?

Visit healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation