

Queensland School Immunisation Program



Information for parents/guardians of Year 7 and Year 10 Distance and Home Education Students

The Queensland School Immunisation Program is an important initiative to protect young people from vaccine preventable diseases by providing free routine recommended immunisations in Year 7 and Year 10. If your child is not able to access a school immunisation clinic, free adolescent immunisations are available in the community when they are the age equivalent of Year 7 and Year 10.

Queensland School Immunisation Program Vaccines		
School year	Vaccine	Doses
Year 7 (12-13 years)	Human papillomavirus (HPV)	1 dose
	Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough)	1 dose (combined vaccine)
Year 10 (14-16 years)	Meningococcal ACWY	1 dose
	Meningococcal B	2 doses (at least 8 weeks apart)

Please refer to the [Year 7](#) and [Year 10](#) Information Sheets to find out more about vaccine preventable diseases and the immunisations offered to adolescents in Queensland.

Please arrange an immunisation appointment as soon as possible.

Receiving immunisations at the time point they are recommended is important. Immunisations recommended in adolescence play a significant role in preventing various diseases as adolescents grow into adulthood. Immunisation protects individuals and the wider community from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Where to receive the free adolescent immunisations

Adolescents attending a School of Distance Education or being educated at home can get these free immunisations from:

- a GP or other primary care provider (note: the vaccine will be free but there may be a consultation fee charged)
- some community pharmacies or local councils
- community health centres offering immunisation services
- Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations
- the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Missed an immunisation?

If your child has missed any of the immunisations offered through the School Immunisation Program, they can catch-up for free before they turn 20 years of age (and for HPV, a free catch-up is available for young people before they turn 26 years of age). After this, immunisations need to be purchased on a private prescription.

Check if your child has received the recommended immunisations

You can access your child's Australian Immunisation Register record:

- through your [myGov account](#) and accessing [Medicare online](#) or via the myGov app
- by calling the [Australian Immunisation Register](#) on 1800 653 809
- by contacting your GP.

If your child is 14 years or older, they'll need their own myGov account to access their [Immunisation History Statement](#).

More information

For more information about adolescent immunisation, visit the Queensland Health webpage: <https://www.vaccinate.initiatives.qld.gov.au/who-should-get-vaccinated-and-when/children-and-adolescents>

For more information about the School Immunisation Program, visit the Queensland School Immunisation Program webpage: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/immunisation/schedule/schools>

Contacts

- call 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84) or your GP for questions about recommended immunisations
- contact your local Public Health Unit for more information about how and where to book an immunisation appointment:

Queensland Health Public Health Unit Contact Numbers			
Darling Downs	(07) 4699 8240	Sunshine Coast	1300 017 190
Gold Coast	1800 940 750	Townsville North West (Mt Isa and Gulf)	(07) 4433 6900
Metro North	(07) 3624 1111	West Moreton	(07) 3271 8744
Metro South	(07) 3156 4000	Wide Bay	(07) 4303 7500
Central Qld	(07) 4920 6989	Cairns Public Health Services	(07) 4226 5555
Mackay	(07) 4885 5800	Torres and Cape	0438 755 738