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CANBERRA HOSPITAL
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Year 7 ACT School Immunisation Program 2018

Consent Card for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough) & Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccinations

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BEFORE COMPLETING THE CONSENT FORM.

PLEASE COMPLETE SECTIONS A, B & C OF THIS FORM AND RETURN TO SCHOOL.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL CARDS ARE RETURNED TO SCHOOL EVEN IF THE STUDENT IS NOT BEING VACCINATED.

This assists in monitoring the level of protection your community has against these diseases.

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN **BLACK INK**

Section A - Student Details

Family Name:.....

Given Name(s):.....

Date of Birth:/...../..... Age:.....

Is your child of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

- No
- Yes, Aboriginal
- Yes, Torres Strait Islander
- Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Male Female

Postal Address:.....

..... Postcode:.....

Medicare Number Required for Australian Immunisation Register

Grid for Medicare Number: 11 boxes

Ref no. next to student's name

Name of School:.....

Class & Year:.....

Contact Details of Person Completing Form

Family Name:.....

Given Name(s):.....

I have legal parental responsibility of this child as:

- Parent Legal Guardian

Best Daytime Contact Phone Number(s): 1.....

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Section B - Pre-Vaccination Checklist

If you are not consenting to vaccination, please go to Section C. Prior to administering the vaccine, the nurse will ask the student if this information needs to be updated.

Please tick the appropriate box(es) if the student:

- has ever fainted when given an injection
- has a disease which lowers immunity or lives with someone who has lowered immunity (e.g. leukaemia, cancer, HIV/AIDS)
- is having treatment which lowers immunity (e.g. oral steroid medications such as cortisone and prednisone, radiotherapy, chemotherapy)
- has received a vaccine in the last 4 weeks
- has had an injection of immunoglobulin or received any blood products or had a whole blood transfusion in the past year
- has any severe allergies
- has a Severe Allergy/Anaphylaxis Care Plan
- has previously had a reaction to a vaccine
- is pregnant
- has a medical condition (e.g. epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, including previous Guillian-Barre syndrome)

If you have ticked any box above, please describe:

Parent/Legal Guardians please read the following before completing Section C consent form overleaf

I have read and understood the information given to me on the Year 7 Parent/Guardian Information Sheet regarding immunisation including the risk of the vaccination and the risk of not being vaccinated against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough) and Human Papillomavirus (HPV). I understand that I can contact my School Immunisation Program provider or the Health Protection Service, Immunisation Unit, to discuss these risks and benefits. I understand that I can withdraw consent at any time before vaccination takes place or during the course of the program. I understand the immunisation provider may upload the vaccination details for all students to the Australian Immunisation Register. Further information can be found at <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/australian-immunisation-register>. Vaccination information may be shared with your child's treating team e.g. GP. If you require any further information please contact the Health Protection Service, Immunisation Unit on 62052300.

Please Turn Over ▶



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Nurses providing the FREE ACT Health School Immunisation Program will be visiting your child's school soon.

Please read the information provided before completing the Consent Card.

Tear off and keep this Parent/Guardian Information Sheet for future reference.

It is important that you complete the Consent Card accompanying this Information Sheet and return it to the school even if you DO NOT consent for the student to be vaccinated.

Are vaccines safe?

- Vaccines are administered by an injection to the upper arm.
- For most people vaccines are safe and do not cause serious adverse reactions.
- Before a vaccine or any medication can be used in Australia, it must be licensed by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). The TGA makes sure that each vaccine is assessed for safety and effectiveness based on scientific evidence (clinical trials) before it is available to the community.
- Vaccines and all reported side effects continue to be assessed and monitored by independent medical experts.
- Most vaccines can cause mild reactions. These are usually short lasting, and do not require special treatment.
- As with any medication, very rarely an individual may experience a severe allergic reaction. The school immunisation nurse is trained to recognise and manage any immediate severe reactions which generally occur within the first 15 minutes after receiving a vaccine. All students are monitored closely for 15 minutes after their vaccination.
- All serious or unexpected reactions should be reported to the Health Protection Service, Immunisation Unit, who can provide you with information and advice on future vaccinations and discuss any concerns you may have.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact the Health Protection Service, Immunisation Unit on **02 6205 2300**.

Important: It may take some weeks before the school immunisation providers visit the school to vaccinate the students. **It is your responsibility to advise the School Health Team (6205 2086) prior to or on the day of immunisation of any change in the information on the Consent Card and in particular, the student's medical condition.**

What if a student whose parent/legal guardian has consented for vaccination is absent, unwell or refuses the vaccination?

- At the end of the year you will receive a letter advising you of any missed vaccines.
- These missed vaccines will be available from the 1st December 2018 from your GP.
- These vaccines remain FREE up until the student's 20th birthday.

What if a student is not taking part in the school immunisation program?

- You will be able to access these vaccines FREE from your GP from 1st December 2018.

It is advisable to inform your doctor of any updates to the student's vaccination status.

Where can I get more information?

Health Protection Service, Immunisation Unit:
Monday to Friday: 9am - 4.30pm
Phone: 02 6205 2300 Website: www.health.act.gov.au

School Immunisation Program - 6205 2086

www.health.act.gov.au/immunisation - click on High School Immunisation Program

For more information on the 'No Jab, No Pay' Commonwealth Government Policy see www.health.act.gov.au/immunisation and click on the related links.



If English is not your first language and you require the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) - Please call 13 14 50.

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Diphtheria

An acute infectious illness caused by bacteria that infects the mouth, nose and throat.

Spread by coughing and sneezing from an infected person for up to 4 weeks or direct contact with skin lesions or objects/articles soiled by infected persons.

Symptoms may include sore throat, fever, hoarseness and difficulty breathing/swallowing.

Complications include heart and nervous system conditions which may cause death.

Tetanus

Caused by a toxin produced by a bacteria which is found in soil, dust and manure.

Contracted through a cut or wound which becomes contaminated by the bacteria.

Symptoms may cause painful muscle spasms, convulsions and lock jaw.

Complications include heart attack (cardiac arrest), pneumonia, blood clot in the lung (pulmonary emboli) and death.

What if the student has recently received a Tetanus containing vaccine because of an injury?

ADT Booster (Absorbed Diphtheria and Tetanus) vaccine given after an injury does not protect against Pertussis (whooping cough).

Therefore it is recommended and safe for the student to receive the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine.

Common side effects of the Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis vaccine include fever, redness, soreness and swelling at the injection site, nausea, headaches, tiredness and aching muscles.

Pertussis (whooping cough)

A highly contagious respiratory disease.

Spread by bacteria in respiratory droplets through coughing and sneezing. Adolescents and adults can pass the disease on to babies who are too young to be immunised.

Symptoms may include runny nose, sore watery red eyes and fever. It then progresses to a severe cough that may last for months, where the person may gasp for air causing a 'whooping' sound and may have severe coughing spasms followed by gagging or vomiting.

Complications include pneumonia, convulsions and brain damage. About one in 120 babies less than 6 months of age die from complications of whooping cough.

IMPORTANT

Protection against whooping cough both from the disease and the vaccine decreases over time. Therefore a BOOSTER DOSE is recommended to reduce the incidence of whooping cough in the community.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

Protection against HPV related cancers and disease HPV is the name for a group of viruses that affects both females and males. Some of these viruses may cause genital warts and lead to some cancers in both females and males.

Spread by direct skin contact during all types of sexual activity. More than 80% of people (males and females) will be infected with at least one type of genital HPV at some time.

Symptoms depend on the HPV type but often there are no symptoms. HPV can be detected on a cervical screening or genital warts may develop.

Complications HPV can cause genital warts; cervical cancer and some cancers of the throat, vulva, vagina, penis and anus. There were 813 new cases of cervical cancer diagnosed in Australia in 2013 and in 2014 cervical cancer led to 223 deaths.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine

- Vaccination can help protect males and females against some of the most common types of HPV that can lead to disease and cancer.
- It is most effective when given before a person becomes sexually active.

Common side effects of the HPV vaccine include soreness, swelling and redness at the injection site, headache, low grade fever, dizziness and fainting, nausea and vomiting.

IMPORTANT

If my daughter has been vaccinated, does she still need cervical screening? HPV vaccinated women still require cervical screening as the HPV vaccine does not protect against all the types of HPV that cause cervical cancer. From the 1st December 2017 cervical screening is recommended for women aged 25-74 every five years.

Vaccination together with cervical screening is the most effective way of preventing cervical cancer.