

## School Based Vaccination Program

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### Description:

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) recommends various vaccines for adolescents to protect them through to adulthood.

Coordinated by Queensland Health, the School Based Vaccination Program provides parents/guardians with the opportunity to have their children vaccinated against certain diseases through their school at no cost. The Program is offered to children of secondary school age in state and non-state schools.

### Practical Advice

Each year, Queensland Health offers the following vaccinations to all Year 8 and 10 students through their school.

Year 8 students:

- **Hepatitis B** two doses of hepatitis B vaccine given four to six months apart
- **Chickenpox** one dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine
- **Human papillomavirus (cervical cancer)** three doses of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for female students given over a six month period (usually at 0, 2 and 6 months).

Year 10 students:

- **Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough)** one booster dose of adult/adolescent diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) vaccine

A child is eligible for vaccine as part of the School Based Vaccination Program according to the year level they are in school (eg. Year 8 or Year 10), not their age.

If you home school your children, the recommended vaccines offered in the school program are also available free in the age equivalent school year. For more information see the [School Based Vaccination Program - advice for parents who home school factsheet](#)

### Other Resources

For information, see the [School Based Vaccination Program](#) website

Contact the Area School Based Vaccination Program Co-ordinator:

- Southern Queensland 07 5509 7222
- Central Queensland 07 3142 1800
- Northern Queensland 07 4753 9034

Contact your local Queensland Health Public Health Unit:

- Brisbane Southside 07 3000 9148
- Brisbane Northside 07 3624 1111
- Cairns 07 4050 3600
- Darling Downs 07 4631 9888
- Gold Coast 07 5509 7222
- Logan 07 3412 2989
- Mackay 07 4968 6611
- Moreton Bay 07 3142 1800
- Mount Isa 07 4744 9100
- Rockhampton 07 4920 6989

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- Sunshine Coast 07 5409 6600
- Townsville 07 4753 9000
- West Moreton 07 3413 1200
- Wide Bay 07 4184 1800

Visit the **Immunise Australia** website at [www.immunise.health.gov.au](http://www.immunise.health.gov.au)

Contact your doctor.

Contact the Immunise Australia National Infoline: 1800 671 811

### Related Content

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