

## NSW School vaccination clinic, Year 7, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

NSW Health will be offering the following vaccinations at your school clinic to all **Year 7 students**;

### **Year 7 – Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) & - Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (dTpa)**

#### **Consent for school vaccination**

- Year 7 parents/guardians have been sent (via their Year 7 student) a *Parent Information Kit* that includes an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to read all the information provided, complete the consent form, and return it to their child's school.
- A parent/guardian may later change their mind (after submitting the signed form) and withdraw their consent for vaccination at any time. This can be done by providing the school with written notification of such withdrawal, or by emailing [nsld-phuschoolvaccinationprogram@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nsld-phuschoolvaccinationprogram@health.nsw.gov.au) .
- If you do not want your student to receive the school vaccinations please DO NOT complete or return the consent form. **No student will receive vaccinations at school without a completed consent form signed by their parent/guardian.**

*There is no concern for students receiving the HPV and dTpa (school vaccinations) either before or after they complete COVID-19 vaccinations (advised by National Centre for Immunisation Research & Surveillance).*

#### **Parents should also;**

- Ensure that students with influenza-like symptoms do not attend school and are tested as soon as possible ([www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/symptoms-and-testing](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/symptoms-and-testing) )
- Ensure that their student eats breakfast on the morning of the vaccination clinic.

#### **Absent students**

Absent students will be offered any missed doses at subsequent vaccination clinics (for HPV and dTpa vaccination) and do not need to go to their GP for the vaccine.

A Record of Vaccination card will be provided to each student. Details about vaccinations given at school will also be uploaded to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR). Further information about school vaccination is available; <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination>

#### **NSW Health is ensuring that students are safely vaccinated at school during Covid-19**

Despite concerns around Covid-19 it is important that the school vaccination program continues, to provide timely protection against other diseases.

**Additional measures** implemented to ensure safe vaccination of students include;

- nurses fully vaccinated against Covid-19,
- health screening of nurses and students before entering the clinic,
- appropriate physical distancing at the clinic and all staff and students wearing masks,
- enhanced hand hygiene and cleaning measures