

# Immunisation

Fighting against harmful diseases has been made much easier thanks to the advances of vaccines. Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way to protect our society from diseases that cause serious health issues, and even fatalities. The more people who are vaccinated, the less opportunity diseases have to spread.

Some vaccines need a booster as their protection can wear off over time, and for diseases such as diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, it is necessary to have a booster.

To ensure protection over a longer period of time, a booster is given within the High Schools program, vaccines such as the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine and meningococcal B vaccine are given, which are more effective if delivered at a specific age.

## School Immunisation Program

The [School Immunisation Program](#) provides recommended vaccines for South Australian students in Years 8, 10 and 11. The school immunisation program reduces the impact of vaccine preventable disease through achieving high [vaccine](#) coverage rates in the community. The vaccines offered through this immunisation program is free.

To be eligible to receive free vaccines under the School Immunisation Program, your child must be enrolled in Years 8, 10 or 11. Home-schooled children are also eligible to receive the recommended vaccines free.

## Vaccines for 2019

### Year 8

- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, for more information on the 2 dose Gardasil®9 vaccine, see the Department of Health's Introduction of Gardasil®9 in a 2 dose schedule — clinical advice (PDF 304KB)(opens in a new window).
- diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (pertussis) vaccine

### Year 10

- meningococcal B vaccine(opens in a new window)
- meningococcal ACWY vaccine(opens in a new window)

### Year 11

- meningococcal B vaccine

## Further Information

For further information on the School Immunisation Program, see the [School Immunisation Program: Frequently asked questions page](#) or contact your doctor or immunisation provider.

## School Immunisation Records

The City of Playford has been administering the School Immunisation Program on behalf of Council at both the Clare High School and Riverton High School since 2005. For immunisation records, please contact the City of Playford on (08) 8256 0118, records prior to 2005 please contact the Council office on 8842 6400 or [admin@cgvc.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@cgvc.sa.gov.au).

