

School vaccination for students with physical and/or intellectual disabilities

Background

NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the recommended and free vaccines in a school-based vaccination program.

NSW Health routinely offers the following vaccines at school:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	2-doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
Year 10	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

Parents/guardians must provide consent for their child to be vaccinated at school.

Vaccination for students with physical and/or intellectual disabilities

It is important that students with physical and/or intellectual disabilities have access to vaccines on the same basis as their peers, to protect them and the community from preventable diseases.

NSW Health is committed to offering the recommended vaccines to students with physical and/or intellectual disabilities wherever possible, whether they are enrolled in Schools for Specific Purpose (SSPs) or mainstream schools.

Most students with physical and/or intellectual disabilities can be vaccinated at school.

However, some students may require additional support on the day of the clinic at school, or a referral to a specialist immunisation clinic that offers vaccinations under close observation.

If you believe your child requires additional support or a referral, please contact your local public health unit (PHU) on **1300 066 055** to discuss further.

Further information

More information about the NSW School Vaccination Program is available at: www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination