

Title	<b>Adolescent School Based Immunisation Program</b>
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4.1	<b>In South Australia, vaccines for adolescents on the National Immunisation Program (NIP) are delivered through a School Based Immunisation Program by either Local Government or Community Health Services.</b>
4.2	<p><b>All school based immunisation providers can access free vaccines for the following programs:</b></p> <p>4.2.1 <b>Universal adolescent vaccination against hepatitis B</b></p> <p>4.2.1.1 <b>Year 8 Program</b> <b>H-B-Vax II (adult formulation) vaccine</b> For adolescents in Year 8 who have not previously received any doses of hepatitis B vaccine. The program is offered as a <b>2-dose course</b> at 0 and 4-6 months.</p> <p>4.2.1.2 <b>Catch-up Program for adolescents still at school and less than 16 years of age who have:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not commenced or have previously commenced, but not completed a course of <b>H-B-Vax II (adult formulation) vaccine</b>. The course can be completed as a <b>2-dose course</b> at 0 and 4-6 months or with a second dose of H-B-Vax-II (adult formulation) at a school provider's clinic.</li> <li>- Previously commenced, but not completed a <b>3-dose course</b> of a paediatric hepatitis B vaccine. The course can be completed as a <b>2-dose course</b> of H-B-Vax II (adult formulation) vaccine at 0 and 4-6 months.</li> </ul> <p>4.2.2 <b>Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (Gardasil)</b> <b>Year 8 Program</b> For adolescent females students in Year 8 who have not previously received any doses of the Gardasil vaccine. This program is offered as a 3-dose course to be delivered at the recommended <b>0, 2 and 6 month intervals</b>.</p> <p>4.2.3 <b>Varicella-zoster (chickenpox) vaccine</b> <b>Year 8 Program</b> For adolescents in Year 8 who have not had a previous dose of Varicella vaccine or a clinical history of varicella disease. The vaccine is offered to students as a single dose. Students aged 14 years of age and older at the time of the first dose require an additional dose 1-2mths later. The second dose is not funded.</p>

## 4.2.4 Adolescent diphtheria/Tetanus/acellular pertussis (dTpa) booster vaccine (Boostrix)

### Year 9 Program

For adolescents in Year 9 who have not previously received any doses of adult formulation dTpa (Boostrix) vaccine, a single dose is recommended for all Year 9 students.

## 4.2.5 Catch-up for students that have missed the recommended adolescent vaccinations in Year 8 and/or Year 9

Any student who has missed any of the scheduled adolescent vaccines in Year 8 and/or Year 9 can be offered free catch up vaccines through school providers clinics, as long as they are still enrolled in school

## 4.3 Follow-up of adolescents not immunised at school

### 4.3.1 School program immunisation providers (Local Council or Community Health Services )

All of the recommended vaccines are available free from the Vaccine Distribution Centre (VDC). Refer to Policy no. 1

### 4.3.2 General Practice and other immunisation providers

4.3.2.1 Refer all eligible students to the school based immunisation program providers in the first instance

4.3.2.2 Obtain approval from the Immunisation Section nurse for each individual case/dose if student is unable to attend a school program provider.

4.3.2.3 The relevant vaccines will be distributed on the following scheduled delivery day with accompanying resources. Complete the *Record of Immunisation Card* provided and return (reply paid) the appropriate section to the Immunisation Section.

4.3.3 When administering the HPV vaccine, parents/legal guardians will be required to provide consent for the personal information to be submitted to the National HPV Register.

For more information, contact National HPV Register 1800 478 734.

## 4.4 Record of Immunisation Cards

Students who missed their vaccinations at school are encouraged to attend a free immunisation clinic offered by a School Based Immunisation Provider. Details of vaccinations need to be recorded on a *Record of Immunisation Card*.

### Both sections are to be completed by the provider:

#### 1. 'Personal record for the student' and

2. 'Immunisation Section Record' to be returned to the Immunisation Section (reply paid) to assist with collation of data and assess State-wide coverage.

*Record of Immunisation* cards are available from the IS.

## 4.5 Providers to submit HPV data to the National HPV Vaccination Program Register via the HPV Register secure web site:

- Providers using the ImPS database system can extract records using the ImPS-NHVPR Extraction Utility and upload onto the HPV Register secure web site.
- Providers not using the ImPS database system can enter vaccination records directly onto the HPV Register web portal.

**All records are to be submitted to the National HPV Register as soon as possible and no later than 4 weeks following vaccination**

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