

Register Now For The Secondary School Immunisations Program

Immunisation saves lives and is a proven and safe way to protect against diseases.

The protection provided by some childhood immunisations fades over time and needs to be boosted in adolescence.

Secondary school students are at an age when a vaccine will be most effective and provide protection before possible exposure to a disease.

Making sure your child receives their secondary school immunisations will help to keep them healthy and well through secondary school and into adulthood.

Immunisations are safe and effective, and administered by a council nurse at secondary schools.

Students in Year 7 (or aged 12-13) receive the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (1 dose) and the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) combined vaccine (1 dose).

Students in Year 10 (or aged 15-16) receive the Meningococcal ACWY vaccine (1 dose).

To help make the program a success, we need you as parents/carers to register and consent on our online booking platform Vitavo.

To do this you can either go to the website:

<https://bendigo.book.vitavo.com.au/school/OneSchoolGlobalVic-BendigoCentre-1eaM4W>

Or scan the QR code below:



Vaccination apprehension from your child

If your child has questions or is reluctant about getting vaccinated, the Cancer Council Victoria video [HPV vaccination for teenagers](#) may be helpful.

Missed vaccinations

If your child is absent on their immunisation day there are several options to get them up to date with their vaccinations.

- Contact The City of Greater Bendigo Immunisation team to organise an appointment at a Community Immunisation session.
These are run frequently across the municipality. Log onto [Vitavo](#) to view available sessions, locations, dates and times, then follow the prompts to book via the online form.
- Contact your GP to make a vaccination appointment.
Please inform the GP of the required vaccines your child requires as not all doctor's surgeries have vaccines on site. Please note that whilst these vaccines are free, you may incur a fee for the appointment.

If you have further questions regarding making appointments or to check your child is up to date with their immunisations, please contact us via immunisation@bendigo.vic.gov.au or call 0428 149 077.

Learn more about the Secondary School Immunisation Program in Victoria at:

www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/immunisation-in-secondary-schools

