

17th June 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Secondary School Immunisation Program offers free vaccines as part of the National Immunisation Program each year to Year 7 and Year 10 students. These vaccines are administered by Maroondah City Councils experienced immunisation nurses.

Council's immunisation team will be at your school on Tuesday, 30 July 2024.

Students in Year 7 will have the opportunity to receive the following vaccines:

- HPV (human papillomavirus) single dose.
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, (whooping cough) single dose.

Important information about these vaccines is provided on the Better Health Channel website:

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/immunisation-in-secondary-schools>

Please read the information about these vaccines to ensure you are making an informed decision about the vaccination and your child is prepared. The webpage contains information on the following:

- Vaccines provided in secondary school
- Preparing adolescents for school based immunisations
- Pre immunisation checklist. It is important that students tell their immunisation provider if any of the following apply:
 - Are unwell on the day of immunisation (temperature over 38.5°C)
 - Previously had a severe reaction to any vaccine
 - Have any severe allergies such as an anaphylactic reaction to yeast or latex
 - Have a disease or are having treatment which causes low immunity.
 - Have a known hypersensitivity to diphtheria toxoid
 - Are pregnant.
- After vaccination: students are required to sit quietly for 15 minutes.
- Uncommon and rare side effects
- When a vaccine is missed at school
- Adolescents with a disability
- Accessing immunisation records

Council's website also has some useful tips on preparing for vaccination:

<https://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Community-support-business/Immunisation/School-and-adolescent-immunisations>

Council must know if you wish for your child to receive the vaccines or if you do not wish for your child to receive one or both vaccines.

Contact us

Phone 1300 88 22 33 or 9298 4598

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The Department of Health's, **Central Immunisation Record Victoria (CIRV)** program, has been developed this year to electronically record if you grant or deny consent for your child to be immunised. This information will come directly to Maroondah City Council through CIRV.

This link will take you to the CIRV website where you can confirm and insert your child's details.

Link: <https://portal.cirv.vic.gov.au//PrivacyCollection/?id=96995828-c0e4-ee11-904d-000d3ae1a512&Year7>

You will need to:

1. Click on the link to CIRV
2. Enter a mobile number for one-time password
3. Type in the one-time password
4. Confirm the school and year is correct for your child.
5. Enter the home group/form/class e.g. 7A, 7B, 7C etc
6. Enter your child's details
7. Provide the consent for each vaccine. Please select if you **grant** or **deny** consent to your child having these important vaccines. The 'deny' option lets us know that you have seen the information and chosen for your child not to have the vaccine/s.
8. Enter your details.
9. Review pre-immunisation checklist and enter any medical conditions, severe allergies or previous severe reaction to vaccination.
10. Review and confirm. Once completed you will receive a confirmation email. If you don't receive a confirmation, please contact Council's Immunisation team.

Please ensure you have updated your consent decision before **Wednesday, 24th July 2024**

If you wish for your child to have the vaccines elsewhere, you can attend one of our Council public immunisation session by booking on Council's website: <https://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Community-support-business/Immunisation> .Alternatively, you may wish to attend your GP or local pharmacy offering these vaccines.

Shortly after the school immunisation session, you will receive an SMS from CIRV if your child was absent, or the vaccine was unable to be given. You can receive the vaccines for your child elsewhere if they were missed, as outlined above.

Following the school session, the immunisation information will be sent to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) and added to your child's immunisation history. You can find out how to access you child's immunisation history statement here: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/how-to-get-immunisation-history-statements>

Please contact Maroondah City Council's immunisation team if you require assistance on 9294 5603 or email immunisation@maroondah.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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