



RURAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

School Based Immunisations

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Public health nurses will be delivering two school-based immunisation programmes in your child's school during 2019

Year Seven Students

These students will be offered the Boostrix vaccine which is a booster for their early childhood immunisations of tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). This is the same vaccination that would have been given to your child at 4 years age if you consented.

Information about the year seven programme will be given to students at school and this session may include watching the Ministry of Health Presentation on Year Seven Immunisations and is designed specifically for this age group.

At this information session, your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to read and choose whether or not to have your child immunised by the Public Health Nurses at school. Whether you choose to immunise or not, the form needs to be returned to school.

Year Eight Students

From 1 January 2017, Males and Females aged 9 to 26 inclusive (ie under 27 years) have been eligible for HPV (Human Papilloma virus) immunisation. The focus has historically been on cervical cancer prevention for women but increasing evidence has emerged of the impact of other HPV related cancers on men so both groups are now offered this vaccine free of charge. This vaccine will be given in two doses 6 months apart.

Information will be given to the students about the HPV vaccination programme at school. This may include viewing the Ministry of Health presentation about the *HPV Vaccine Information* and is for the year 8 age group.

Your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to choose whether or not to have your child immunised by the Public Health Nurses at school.

- Information on the immunisations is included on the consent form which will be given to your son / daughter at the information session.
- Please complete the consent form and answer all the questions and return the form to school.
- If your child is not being vaccinated at school you still need to fill in the section with your child's name and details on it.
- Please check with your doctor or practice nurse if you are unsure if your child has had a tetanus injection in the last two years.

For further information on these vaccines phone **0800 IMMUNE (466 863)**

Public Health Nurse:

YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION

The Yr 7 immunisation for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough will be undertaken during 2019.

Consent forms will be sent home with EVERY Yr 7 student.

Please complete and return to the School Office.

There is provision within the form for your non-consent, should you wish for that.

PLEASE REMEMBER- WE WOULD LIKE ALL FORMS RETURNED REGARDLESS OF IF THEY ARE FOR CONSENT OR NON-CONSENT.

As part of the programme information will be given to each Yr 7 student.

If you do not want your child to receive this education and/or to view the presentation the Public Health Nurse uses, then send a letter to the Office so that your child can be removed from that class presentation on the day of the education session.

YEAR 8 IMMUNISATION

The Yr 8 Immunisation for HPV (Human Papillomavirus) which can develop into Cervical cancer and other HPV related cancers, will be undertaken in two doses during 2019.

Consent forms will be sent home with EVERY Yr 8 student.

Please complete and return to the School Office.

There is provision within the form for your non-consent, should you wish for that.

PLEASE REMEMBER- WE WOULD LIKE ALL FORMS RETURNED REGARDLESS OF IF THEY ARE FOR CONSENT OR NON-CONSENT.

As part of the programme, information will be given to each Yr 8 student.

If you do not want your child to receive this education and/or to view the presentation the Public Health Nurse uses, then send a letter to the Office so that your child can be removed from that class presentation on the day of the education session.