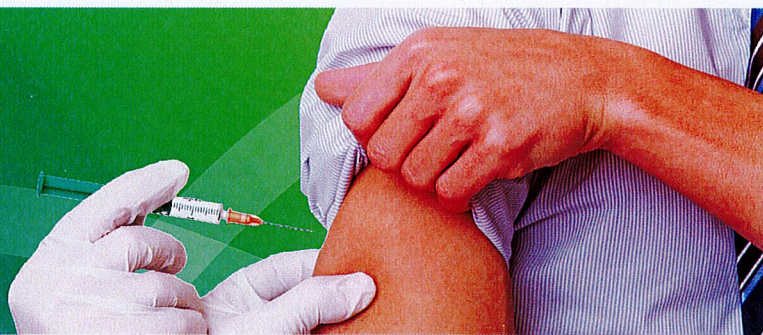


School Immunisation Program



In partnership with the Department of Health, Campaspe Shire Council is responsible for the administration of the National Immunisation Program Schedule for school-based immunisations. Each year, Council's immunisation team visits all secondary schools to administer vaccines under the Schedule, for year 7 students the Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis vaccine and for year 10 students the Meningococcal ACWY vaccine.

Council has developed this information sheet to assist parents and students to better understand Council's role in vaccinating, along with the process for vaccination, both prior to and on the day.

What do I need to do before my child gets vaccinated?

A consent card will be sent home with students. This card provides information on the vaccines being administered to assist you in determining if you would like to have your child vaccinated at school.

You must then tick the appropriate box on the consent card to either consent to your child being vaccinated or not vaccinated. It's important that the card is returned to school regardless of your decision to vaccinate or not. This ensures this decision is recorded in Council's Immunisation Program and reported to the Department of Health.

What if I want to get my child vaccinated somewhere else?

If your child does not want to have their vaccinations at school, you are welcome to bring your child to one of our community based sessions. These sessions are held across the municipality and bookings are required. If your child is away on school vaccination day, this is an available alternative to ensure your child's vaccinations are kept up to date.

Your doctor is also able to provide vaccines under the National Immunisation Program Schedule, so you can visit your local GP to have your child vaccinated. If you choose to do this, it is important that your doctor reports the vaccination to the Australian Immunisation Register. You can check your child's immunisation record through your myGov and Medicare accounts.

What happens on the day of vaccination?

A team of immunisation nurses and administrators will come to the school to vaccinate those children whose parents have consented. The teachers at the school will assist by bringing individual classes through to the nurses and they will then be taken back to class afterwards.

My child is nervous about having a needle at school, what should I do?

If your child is nervous about being vaccinated, it is important that the school and the Council immunisation team are made aware of this. Children who are anxious can be vaccinated first, without other students present to assist them in managing their anxiety.

My child has reacted to vaccines before, what should I do?

If your child has had a reaction to a vaccine in the past and you are concerned, please let the school and the Council immunisation team know. Modifications can be made to suit children who may react to vaccines, such as laying them down while being vaccinated and monitoring them for a longer period after administration.

What can my child do to prepare for the day?

To assist your child in preparing for their vaccinations, it is important that they are aware of what vaccines they are having. We encourage you to discuss this with your child, so they are prepared when they arrive at school.

Some simple things that can also assist include ensuring that your child has breakfast prior to coming to school and has some healthy snacks to eat following vaccination.

What happens after my child is vaccinated?

Council's immunisation team remain onsite for a minimum of 15 minutes after the last child has been vaccinated. This allows for any possible reactions to be attended to by one of the nurses and to check on any children that may be feeling unwell.

Council records all vaccinations in our immunisation program and then report these to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR). This is usually completed within a week of the vaccination date.

All personal information is stored and handled in a secure manner in line with Health Records Act and Privacy Act. If you have any concerns about your child's personal information, please contact Council's immunisation team.

What about the COVID 19 vaccine?

Councils are not authorised by the State Government to administer COVID 19 vaccines.

If your child is due to have their vaccine or a booster dose of a COVID 19 vaccine, it is safe for them to have their school based vaccines at the same time. As with any vaccines, it is important to monitor for side effects following vaccination and to seek medical advice if you are concerned.

How effective is the vaccine?

The meningococcal vaccine is a safe and effective way to help protect young people from meningococcal disease.

A single dose of meningococcal ACWY vaccine is very effective in providing protection against these four types of meningococcal disease.

How safe is the vaccine?

The meningococcal vaccine is safe. Meningococcal ACWY vaccination programs have been in place for adolescents in the UK since 2015 and in the US since 2005.

As with all vaccines, some people may have a reaction. These are usually mild and can include:

- ✓ soreness, swelling or redness at the injection site
- ✓ headaches, fatigue and fever
- ✓ nausea and decreased appetite.

Serious side effects from the vaccine are extremely rare. If you are worried about your child's reaction seek medical advice.

Adolescent meningococcal ACWY vaccine

Meningococcal disease is serious, but you can be protected.



Adolescent meningococcal ACWY vaccine

You can learn more about the safety of meningococcal vaccines at the Therapeutic Goods Administration website tga.gov.au
health.gov.au/immunisation

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Adolescent meningococcal ACWY vaccine

What is meningococcal disease?

Meningococcal disease occurs when meningococcal bacteria, commonly found in the nose or throat, invades the body and causes serious disease.

Older teenagers and young adults are most likely to carry the bacteria and spread it to others.

There are a number of different types of meningococcal bacteria. Worldwide, the main types which cause meningococcal disease are A, B, C, W and Y.

Symptoms of meningococcal disease include fever, headache, vomiting, stiff neck or sore muscles, sometimes followed by a red or purple rash.

The disease can cause complications including permanent disabilities through loss of limbs, deafness and blindness, scarring and kidney or liver failure.

Five to ten per cent of patients with meningococcal disease die, sometimes even with early treatment.

Why get vaccinated?

Meningococcal disease is rare but very serious and can quickly become life-threatening.

The meningococcal ACWY vaccine provides protection against four types of meningococcal disease, including two types which have become more common in Australia in recent years, caused by the type W and Y bacteria.

There is a separate vaccine that provides protection against meningococcal B type.

Speak to your GP or other immunisation provider for more information about this vaccine.

Repeat doses of meningococcal vaccine

If an eligible person received a dose of meningococcal C vaccine in childhood, it is still recommended to receive the meningococcal ACWY vaccine in adolescence. The meningococcal ACWY vaccine provides protection against A, W, Y types and in addition will boost immunity against the C type.

How do you get vaccinated?

The vaccine is free for all students in year 10 aged 14–16 years through school-based immunisation programs. Even if your child is aged 14–16, they won't receive the vaccine at school if they are not in the eligible year level.

Students in the eligible year level will receive a consent form from their school. This consent form must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the school before a vaccination is provided.

Adolescents aged 15 to 19 years of age, who have not received the vaccine at school, can receive it through their GP or other immunisation provider.

How can I find out if my child is immunised?

The Australian Immunisation Register keeps a record of vaccinations given in Australia.

Parents or guardians of children under 14 years of age can access their child's immunisation history statement at any time by using your Medicare online account through myGov (my.gov.au).

Adolescents aged 14 years or older can view their own immunisation history statement, or give the Department of Human Services permission to provide you with access to their statement.

Where can I get more information?

- ✓ Speak to your GP or other immunisation provider.
- ✓ health.gov.au/immunisation

2025 Campaspe Immunisations

Date	9.00am to 10.30am	10.00am to 10.30am	11.30am to 12noon	5.30pm to 6.30pm
January				
Thu 2	Echuca		Rochester	
Tue 7				Kyabram
Wed 15	Kyabram			
Thu 16			Lockington	Echuca

Date	9.00am to 10.30am	10.00am to 10.30am	11.30am to 12noon	5.30pm to 6.30pm
February				
Tue 4				Rochester
Thu 6	Echuca			
Wed 19	Kyabram			
Thu 20				Echuca
Mon 24	Tongala		Stanhope	

Date	9.00am to 10.30am	10.00am to 10.30am	11.30am to 12noon	5.30pm to 6.30pm
March				
Tue 4				Kyabram
Thu 6	Echuca		Rochester	
Wed 19	Kyabram			
Thu 20		Gunbower	Lockington	Echuca
Mon 24	Tongala		Rushworth	

Date	9.00am to 10.30am	10.00am to 10.30am	11.30am to 12noon	5.30pm to 6.30pm
April				
Tue 1				Rochester
Thu 3	Echuca			
Wed 16	Kyabram			
Thu 17				Echuca
Mon 28	Tongala		Stanhope	

Date	9.00am to 10.30am	10.00am to 10.30am	11.30am to 12noon	5.30pm to 6.30pm
May				
Thu 1	Echuca		Rochester	
Tue 6				Kyabram
Wed 14	Kyabram			
Thu 15		Gunbower	Lockington	Echuca
Mon 26	Tongala		Rushworth	

Date	9.00am to 10.30am	10.00am to 10.30am	11.30am to 12noon	5.30pm to 6.30pm
June				
Tue 3				Rochester
Thu 5	Echuca			
Wed 18	Kyabram			
Thu 19				Echuca
Mon 23	Tongala		Stanhope	

Date	9.00am to 10.30am	10.00am to 10.30am	11.30am to 12noon	5.30pm to 6.30pm
July				
Tue 1				Kyabram
Thu 3	Echuca		Rochester	
Wed 16	Kyabram			
Thu 17		Gunbower	Lockington	Echuca
Mon 28	Tongala		Rushworth	

Date	9.00am to 10.30am	10.00am to 10.30am	11.30am to 12noon	5.30pm to 6.30pm
August				
Tue 5				Rochester
Thu 7	Echuca			
Wed 20	Kyabram			
Thu 21				Echuca
Mon 25	Tongala		Stanhope	

Date	9.00am to 10.30am	10.00am to 10.30am	11.30am to 12noon	5.30pm to 6.30pm
September				
Tue 2				Kyabram
Thu 4	Echuca		Rochester	
Wed 17	Kyabram			
Thu 18		Gunbower	Lockington	Echuca
Mon 22	Tongala		Rushworth	

Date	9.00am to 10.30am	10.00am to 10.30am	11.30am to 12noon	5.30pm to 6.30pm
October				
Thu 2	Echuca			
Tue 7				Rochester
Wed 15	Kyabram			
Thu 16				Echuca
Mon 27	Tongala		Stanhope	

Date	9.00am to 10.30am	10.00am to 10.30am	11.30am to 12noon	5.30pm to 6.30pm
November				
Thu 6	Echuca		Rochester	
Wed 19	Kyabram			
Thu 20		Gunbower	Lockington	Echuca
Mon 24	Tongala		Rushworth	

Date	9.00am to 10.30am	10.00am to 10.30am	11.30am to 12noon	5.30pm to 6.30pm
December				
Tue 2				Rochester
Thu 4	Echuca			
Wed 17	Kyabram			
Thu 18				Echuca

To register and book, visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/immunisations or scan the QR code.

If you are unable to find a suitable appointment, please contact Council on 1300 666 535 to discuss options available.

