**Increasing pertussis (whooping cough) cases in Victoria**

Council is hosting a pop-up Immunisation clinic for the Whooping Cough (Boostrix) vaccination on Wednesday 28th August 2024 at the Echuca Basketball Stadium, High Street Echuca 4.00pm to 6.00pm, no bookings required, walk ins welcome.

The increasing number of pertussis infections seen in Victoria is a public health concern, as it indicates an increasing risk of transmission to the most vulnerable population – infants under the age of 6 months. Health professionals are recommended to consider pertussis in all people (including infants, children and adults) who present with compatible symptoms.

**Free Whooping Cough vaccination** is provided to eligible people:

* adolescents at 12 to 13 years of age (**Year 7** or age equivalent)
* pregnant women in every pregnancy between 20 to 32 weeks gestation
* people under 20 years if the vaccine was not given during childhood or school program

**Paid Whooping Cough vaccination** for the following groups:

($51.00 – only eftpos available)

* Adults working with or caring for children, especially healthcare and childcare workers in contact with infants.
* Partners of pregnant women in the third trimester if they have not received a pertussis-containing vaccine in the past 10 years.
* Parents or guardians of infants, if their infant is under 6 months of age, and they have not received a pertussis-containing vaccine in the past 10 years.
* Adults 65 years of age and older if they have not received a pertussis-containing vaccine in the past 10 years, offered as a single booster.

For further information contact Council Immunisation services on 1300 666 535 or email immunise@campaspe.vic.gov.au

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