

Dear Parents/Guardians.

As we are all aware, a combination of Stage 4 and Stage 3 restrictions are in effect across Victoria. From Wednesday 5 August 2020, the majority of students are again [learning from home](#).

With regard to the ongoing delivery of the first round of the Year 7 secondary school immunisation program, for the remaining schools:

- The Victorian Chief Health Officer has stated that immunisation is an essential service that should be maintained.
- People under stage 3 and stage 4 restrictions can travel for health reasons (which includes receiving a vaccine/s) and for work where they cannot work from home (which includes giving vaccine/s)
- Services need to continue screening, social distancing and hygiene practices as per the [advice provided about adapting models of immunisation service delivery](#). (updated 13 July 2020).

The Melton City Council Immunisation team will recommence with the Year 7 Secondary School Immunisation program in a controlled community setting, located at the [Melton Community Hall](#) (232 High Street, Melton):

The Year 7 vaccine/s will be given **only by appointment** please book through this link for Year 7 students: <https://www.trybooking.com/BKYJR>

- The sessions are a **wellbeing** clinic with all students, parents/guardians and staff being excluded if showing any symptoms of respiratory infection or COVID Symptoms [how-stay-safe-and-well-covid-19](#). If you are unwell or have any of these COVID symptoms, please DO NOT ATTEND the session. There is limit of one parent/guardian per student in attendance
- The sessions will be adhering to physical distancing measures when within the community centre, whether it is pre or post vaccine (there is a 15 minute observation period within the centre, post vaccine).
- Each student will receive a hard copy vaccine/s record which will be dated at the session
- We will be providing adequate disinfection within our centre – ensuring hand sanitisers are available for all and spot cleaning where required.
- All staff in attendance at the immunisation sessions, will be wearing full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- If preferred, your local GP (doctor) can provide these vaccines, too.
- If more appointments are required due to the demand with us through council, they will be offered.

If your child has returned the signed Year 7 immunisation consent card to their school, these have been collected and will be available to collect at the sessions. If you have not returned a consent card, you may complete one at your scheduled appointment with us.

With regard to the Human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV), there is a 2nd dose required with a minimum gap of 6 months between dose 1 and dose 2. This 2nd dose will need to be given from February / March 2021 depending when your child receives their first dose. Melton Council will be in contact with schools, to notify parents / guardians to book in an appointment to see the immunisation staff at a council venue, for their 2nd dose of the HPV vaccine.

With the delivery of the 2020 Year 10 Immunisation program for schools within the municipality, we will soon communicate on how this service will be delivered depending on restrictions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Immunisation Officer on 9747 7246 or email zoeg@melton.vic.gov.au

Regards

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