

Please complete and **return this form** to school, even if you decide not to immunise your child at school. It is a legal requirement to give consent to receive the vaccine and authorise release of information as discussed below



Meningococcal ACWY & Meningococcal B vaccination

In the Northern Territory, **all students** in Year 9 are eligible to receive the Meningococcal ACWY & Meningococcal B vaccines. If your child can't be vaccinated at school or misses out because of illness or absence, you can visit a Health Centre or GP for vaccination. The vaccine is free however, be aware that if visiting a GP you may have to pay a consultation fee.

Information and Consent for Vaccination

What is meningococcal disease and how is it spread?

- Meningococcal disease is caused by bacteria. Although meningococcal disease is uncommon, it can become very serious, very quickly. About 10 per cent of people carry meningococcal bacteria in their throat without becoming unwell. These people are known as 'carriers'. Meningococcal bacteria are passed from person to person by regular, close, prolonged household and intimate contact. Adolescents are at increased risk of meningococcal disease and more likely to spread the disease to others.
- There are several different strains of meningococcal bacteria. The main strains that cause meningococcal disease are A, B, C, W and Y.
- Most people with meningococcal infection fully recover, but some people can develop long-term health complications including limb deformity, skin scarring, deafness and brain damage and fatal in 5-10 % of cases

What is meningococcal vaccine?

There are two meningococcal vaccines included in the School Immunisation Program. They are safe to be given at the same time. The vaccines are given as an injection (needle) in the upper arm.

Meningococcal B:

Two doses of meningococcal B vaccine, given at least 8 weeks apart, protects against the type B of meningococcal disease.

Meningococcal A, C, W, Y:

One dose of meningococcal ACWY conjugate vaccine protects against four types (A, C, W, and Y) of meningococcal disease. A booster dose of meningococcal ACWY vaccine is recommended if the previous dose was given under 14 years of age.

Are the vaccines safe?

Yes, the vaccines are very safe. Most vaccines can cause mild reactions which are usually short lasting and do not need medical treatment. Adverse reactions such as severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) are rare. Common side effects are injection site pain, redness and swelling, muscle pain, headache, nausea, decreased appetite, drowsiness and fever. Putting a cool wet cloth on the injection site and giving paracetamol (Panadol®) helps to relieve injection site discomfort.

Student Details

Student First Name: _____ Student Last Name: _____

Other Legal Names (if applicable): _____

Sex: Male Female Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Address: _____

Medicare No:

Non-Aboriginal Aboriginal Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Torres Strait Islander

School: _____ Class/Year: _____

Any severe reactions to previous vaccines No Yes - list _____

Pre-Vaccination Checklist

Your consent is required before your child can be immunised at school. Your child should not be immunised if any of the following apply, discuss with your healthcare provider.

- They are known to have had a severe reaction to any vaccine
- They have a fever of 38.5°C or above on the day of immunisation
- They are pregnant or could be pregnant.

NOTE: There is no current recommendation to repeat a course of Men B vaccination if a previous valid course has been given in a healthy child. Adolescents who have had a Men ACWY previously can receive another single dose. If the student has received meningococcal vaccination due to a medical condition please see your GP for booster dose advice.

Consent for Vaccination - For Parent / Guardian to sign

I consent for my child to receive:

Meningococcal ACWY vaccine

YES

NO

Meningococcal B Vaccine

YES

NO

Parent / Guardian Name: _____ Daytime phone contact: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Privacy Statement:

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Vaccine Dose	Date Given	Batch Number	Site	Vaccinator Name
Meningococcal ACWY			Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/>	
Meningococcal B Dose 1			Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/>	
Meningococcal B Dose 2			Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/>	
Reason not vaccinated: Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Refused <input type="checkbox"/> Unwell <input type="checkbox"/> Missed dose letter sent <input type="checkbox"/>				

For further information regarding the School Vaccination Program please contact: Darwin 89228044 or Regional Centres: Katherine 8973 9049; Alice Springs 89517549; Nhulunbuy 89870357; Tennant Creek 89624259 OR visit <https://nt.gov.au/wellbeing/health-conditions-treatments/bacterial/meningococcal-disease>