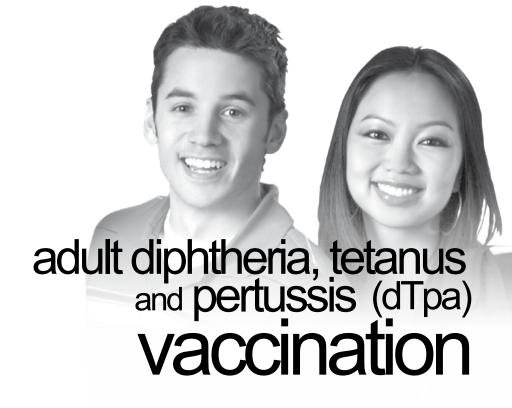


Please complete and return this form to school, even if you decide not to immunise your child at school. It is a legal requirement to give consent to receive the vaccine and authorise release of information as discussed below.



Year 7 Students

In the Northern Territory, **all students in Year 7** are eligible to receive the adult diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (dTpa) vaccine. 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. Missed doses of vaccine should be completed before the end of the current school year.

Information and Consent for Vaccination

■ What is diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis?

- Diphtheria is spread from person to person by inhaling respiratory secretions from infected people and sometimes by direct contact with discharges from lesions of infected people. The infection can cause obstruction to breathing and damage to the heart and nervous system. It can affect all age groups and about 10% of people with diphtheria will die. Others may have permanent heart damage.
- Tetanus causes painful muscle spasms that interrupt breathing and are often fatal. Tetanus spores live in the soil and disease can result from an otherwise trivial wound. In Australia, tetanus is rare and generally occurs in people who have never been vaccinated or who have not received a booster dose of vaccine.
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough) is a highly contagious disease that is spread by the respiratory secretions of infected people.

It can be passed between people either by coughing and sneezing or by direct contact with infected mouth and nose secretions such as during kissing or sharing eating utensils. The infection causes severe persistent bouts of coughing that may be followed by dry retching and vomiting. Pneumonia, seizures (fitting) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) are complications of pertussis.

■ How is the vaccine given?

The vaccine is given as a single injection (needle) into a muscle in the upper arm.

■ What about side effects?

Common side effects of the vaccine include tenderness, redness and swelling at the injection site for 1-2 days. Very rarely there is headache, tiredness, muscle pains, and/or fever. Putting a cool wet cloth on the injection site and giving paracetamol (Panadol®) helps to relieve pain and lower temperature. Severe allergic reactions are very rare.

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adult diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (dTpa) **Vaccination**

Student Details			
Student First Name: Student Last Name: Other Legal Names (if applicable):			
Sex: Male Female		n: / / _	
Medicare No: Aboriginal Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Torres Strait Islander			
School: 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:			
 They are known to have had a severe reaction to a vaccine before They have a fever of 38.5°C or above on the day of immunisation They are pregnant or could be pregnant. 			
Consent for Vaccination - For Parent / Guardian to complete			
I consent for my child to receive the adult diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (dTpa) vaccine and the information being recorded*. Tick one box only.			
>	YES		NO
Parent / Guardian Name:	[Daytime phone	contact:
Email:			
Parent / Guardian Signature:			Date:
Privacy Statement *The information on this form will be recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) and immunisation records can be accessed through MyGov. All personal information collected and disclosed to AIR by the Department of Health (NT) will be handled in accordance with the <i>Information Act 2002</i> (the Act) including the requirements set by the Information Privacy Provisions (IPPS) at schedule 2 of the Act. The Department of Health takes all reasonable steps to ensure the information we collect is stored securely, protecting it from misuse, loss, unauthorized access, modification or disclosure. All information disclosed to AIR(Cth) is subject to the Australian Immunisation Register Act 2015 and the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth). For further information please contact 08 8999 2880 or email:infoprivacyhealth.ths@nt.gov.au			
Office use only			
Vaccine Dose Date Given dTpa # 1	Batch Number	Site Left Right	Vaccinator Name
Reason not vaccinated: Absent Refused Unwell No consent Missed dose letter sent			

For further information regarding the School Vaccination Program please contact: Darwin 8922 8044 or Regional Centres: Katherine 8973 9049; Alice Springs 8951 7549; Nhulunbuy 8987 0357; Tennant Creek 8962 4259.