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| Secondary School Immunisation Program |
| Sample article for school newsletter for delayed vaccinations due to COVID-19 |
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# Students who missed school vaccinations due to COVID-19 pandemic

Some students, who are now in Year 8 and Year 11, may need to complete their vaccine program this year to ensure they are vaccinated in a timely manner. Your local council immunisation service will advise parents/guardians and work with your school to deliver any catch-up vaccines due to students.

## What do I need to know?

* Students who are identified as due or overdue for vaccination on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) will be eligible to receive ‘catch-up’ immunisations.
* If your child has since received their vaccines please contact the [insert local council name, Immunisation service on ph. Xxxxx or email].  Please make sure your immunisation provider has reported the vaccination to the Australian Immunisation Register.
* The consent that you provided last year for the school-based immunisation program remains valid and you do not need to complete another consent form.
* You will be informed when the school vaccination day will be held.
* You can contact [name of Council] immunisation service on [contact details] to discuss any changes to your child’s health that you think could be relevant for their suitability for vaccination or should you need to withdraw consent.
* You may check your child’s immunisation history statement on the [Australian Immunisation Register](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/australian-immunisation-register/how-get-immunisation-history-statement)using your MyGov account. For privacy reasons, anyone aged 14 or older will need to access their own immunisation history statement through their own [MyGov](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/australian-immunisation-register/how-get-immunisation-history-statement) account or the [Medicare mobile app](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/express-plus-medicare-mobile-app)

For further information visit [Immunisation in secondary schools - Better Health Channel](https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/immunisation-in-secondary-schools#immunisations-provided-by-local-councils).

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