

## 2017 School Age Screening and Immunisation Consent form

Most school children are healthy; however it is important that all children are checked.

### Each year we check:

- **Haemoglobin** (strong blood) by finger prick test of small drop of blood.
- **Deworming medicine** (Top End only)
- Your child's **Immunisations** are up to date
- Your child's **Skin** for problems like sores or scabies
- Your child's **Teeth**

### When your child is 5, 10 and 15 years old we will also check:

- Your child's **growth** by measuring **Height** and **Weight** (5 and 10 years)
- **Ears** by looking in them (5 to 10 year olds)
- **Eyes** by using a Lea chart (5 year olds only)
- **Heart** for rheumatic heart disease by a doctor listening to it (10 and 15 year olds only)
- Your child's **Hearing** so they can learn at school (5 year olds only)
- **Urine** for protein (10 & 15 year olds) for kidney disease problems

### Immunisations: At 4 years your child needs the **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis & Polio.**

All 12 year old children need to have 3 **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)** needles that protect against cancer of the private parts. **To be protected the needles are given over 6 months – 0, 2 & 6 months**

At 12 or 13 years your child needs the **Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis needle** and at 13 years the **Chickenpox (Varicella) needle.**

At 15 years your child needs the **Pneumococcal needle and influenza needle** (*Aboriginal children only*)

*All immunisations may cause some side effects. (See over for details)*

## Consents

I \_\_\_\_\_ parent/guardian/carer of

\_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT TO

(Child's name)

My child having a School Age Health Check.

YES  NO

My child given any Immunisations that are due.

YES  NO

I agree to the sharing of health information between the Department of Health and Families (DOH) and Department of Education (DET) as stated in the privacy statement below.

YES  NO

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**If your child needs any treatment the health staff will ask you for permission before carrying out any treatment.**

### Privacy Statement

We collect the information about your child to help your child to be healthy and properly cared for at school. We also use the information to plan health services for children. We will not tell the school about your child's health except where you have ticked 'YES' on this form. You are able to ask to see your child's health records. If you wish to do this, please ask health staff at the clinic.

## IMMUNISATIONS – Information & Advice

*Healthy School-Age Kids Program*  
**Side Effects Following Immunisation**

All the common side effects following immunisation are usually mild and only last for a short time. Treatment is not usually required. If the side effect following immunisation is severe or persistent, or if you are worried about yourself or your child's condition, see your doctor or health centre nurse as soon as possible, or go to a hospital.

Severe allergic reaction, or anaphylaxis, following immunisation is very rare and usually occurs within 5 minutes. The person who will be immunising your child knows how to treat a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).

*Sources: The Australian Immunisation Handbook 10<sup>th</sup> Edition 2013 (NHMRC), Understanding Childhood Immunisation 2012 (NHMRC)*

<b>Diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis &amp; polio containing vaccines (Infanrix-Penta, Infanrix-IPV; Boostrix; ADT)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pain, redness &amp; swelling at injection site</li> <li>• Occasionally, injection-site nodule; may last weeks ; no treatment needed</li> <li>• Low-grade temperature (fever)</li> <li>• Irritable and generally unhappy – may persist for 24 – 48 hours.</li> <li>• Drowsiness or tiredness</li> </ul>
<b>Measles mumps rubella vaccine (Priorix)</b>
<p>The following may occur 7–10 days after vaccination and last for 2 – 3 days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occasionally injection-site nodule; may last weeks; no treatment needed</li> <li>• Temperature (fever), faint rash (not infectious)</li> <li>• Head cold and/or runny nose, cough and/or puffy eyes</li> <li>• Swelling of the face glands about 3 weeks after vaccination</li> <li>• Drowsiness or tiredness</li> </ul>
<b>Pneumococcal vaccines (Pneumovax 23)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pain, redness &amp; swelling at injection site, occasionally injection-site nodule; may last weeks; no treatment needed</li> <li>• Low grade temperature (fever)</li> </ul>
<b>Varicella Zoster vaccine (Varilrix/Varivax)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pain, redness at injection site, occasionally injection-site nodule; may last weeks; no treatment needed</li> <li>• Temperature (fever)</li> </ul> <p>After 5-26 days there may be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pustular rash (non-infectious) usually at the injection site, occasionally covers other parts of the body</li> </ul>
<b>Human Papilloma Vaccine (Gardasil-HPV)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pain, redness and swelling at the injection site</li> <li>• Low-grade temperature (fever)</li> <li>• Mild headache</li> <li>• Mild nausea</li> </ul>

**WHAT TO DO TO MANAGE INJECTION SITE DISCOMFORT**

Any injection may result in soreness, redness, itching, swelling or bruising at the injection site for 1 to 2 days.

Applying a cool wet cloth to the site and taking paracetamol (panadol) every four hours are good ways to relieve these symptoms.

Sometimes small, hard lumps (injection site nodules) may last for some weeks or a month but are no cause for concern and require no treatment.

**WHAT TO DO TO MANAGE FEVER AFTER IMMUNISATION**

Drink extra fluids & remove excess clothing to keep cool. Paracetamol (panadol) can be given to help reduce fever and pain after immunisation. If fever persists – see a doctor or go to your health centre.

If adverse events following immunisation are severe and persistent or if you are concerned, contact your doctor; your local health centre, or your nearest hospital.

***For more information about screening or immunisation, please contact your health centre.***