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Advice to General Practice Queensland

Availability of vaccines for adolescents

In 2008, vaccine will be supplied to service providers for:

- Year 8 students who missed vaccination for varicella or hepatitis B in the School Based Vaccination Program **during the year vaccination is offered**
- Year 10 students who missed vaccination for dTpa in the School Based Vaccination Program **during the year vaccination is offered.**

Students who started but did not complete their two-dose course of hepatitis B vaccine in 2007 are eligible for their second and final dose in 2008 only.

Students in Year 8 and above who miss HPV vaccination in the school program can continue to access vaccine from service providers until the end of June 2009.

Only the year level of the student (not age) will indicate their eligibility for funded vaccine.

For information on vaccine eligibility for home schooled children or children in special school, contact the Queensland Health Immunisation Program on 3234 1500.

When ordering these vaccines:

- Queensland Health Immunisation Program (QHIP) staff will request the name, date of birth and year level of the adolescent requesting vaccination to check for previous vaccinations and eligibility for vaccination.
- Faxed orders should include details (name, date of birth and year level) of the adolescent to be vaccinated.

Practices/services are able to use private stock to opportunistically vaccinate eligible Year 8 and Year 10 students. If a practice uses a vaccine from private stock they can order a replacement vaccine when placing their next monthly vaccine order.

Replacement vaccine will not be provided if the person vaccinated is not eligible for funded vaccine.

Service providers are asked to telephone Population Health Units (in business hours) to check vaccination status before vaccinating, as many individuals in these age groups are already vaccinated.

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