What if consent has been given but the student is unwell or not at school on vaccination day?
A letter will be sent to you with details on where to go to receive the missed vaccines.

Where can I get more information?

**Immunisation Section, SA Health**
Monday to Friday – 8.30am - 5.00pm
Phone 1300 232 272
www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation

**Immunise Australia website:**

**National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance**
www.ncirs.edu.au/

**HPV School Vaccination Program**
Contact your local school immunisation program provider.
Common side effects of chickenpox vaccine

- mild fever
- soreness, redness, swelling and a small temporary lump at the injection site
- chickenpox like rash (2 to 5 spots) at the injection site or on other parts of the body 5 to 26 days after vaccination (keep rash covered and avoid contact with people who have impaired immunity for the duration of the rash)

Complications include:

- skin infections (resulting in scarring)
- pneumonia
- inflammation of the brain (encephalitis)
- spinal cord inflammation (transverse myelitis)
- death
- serious risk to the unborn baby if a pregnant woman contracts chickenpox

Chickenpox (varicella)

- caused by the varicella virus
- highly infectious
- spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes or by direct contact with fluid in the blisters of the rash
- usually mild in healthy children but may cause severe illness in some people, including adults
- may have severe complications

Chickenpox vaccine (Varilrix® or Varivax®)

- is recommended as a single dose for Year 8 students
- can reduce the chance of contracting chickenpox by 85% or from experiencing severe chickenpox by 98%

Chickenpox vaccine IS NOT required in high school if the student:

- has had a confirmed case of chickenpox diagnosed by a doctor or;
- has already had one dose of a chickenpox vaccine

Students over 14 years of age require a second dose 4-6 weeks after the first dose for adequate protection. The second dose is not free

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Diphtheria

- serious illness caused by a toxin that acts on the airways or on damaged skin
- spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes or by direct contact with skin sores or objects/articles contaminated by an infected person
- 1 in 7 people infected will die

Complications include:

- severe breathing difficulties
- nerve paralysis/weakness
- heart failure
- death

Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine (Boostrix®)

- is recommended as a single dose for all Year 8 students as an additional booster to doses already received in childhood
- is recommended for students who have previously received the ADT Booster (Adsorbed Diphtheria and Tetanus) vaccine for a tetanus prone wound to offer protection against whooping cough

Complications include:

- respiratory problems
- joint pain
- nausea and vomiting

Common side effects of Boostrix® vaccine

- mild fever
- pain, swelling and redness at the injection site
- headache, dizziness

Human papillomavirus (HPV)

- very common virus that affects females and males
- spread by sexual contact
- most people do not experience symptoms and do not know they have the infection or that they have spread it to someone else
- causes 90% of genital warts

Complications include:

- cancers of the genital area – penis, anus, vulva, vagina, and cervix
- cancers of the throat and mouth in both males and females

HPV vaccine (Gardasil®)

- is recommended as a 3 dose course over 6 months for all Year 8 students
- provides a high level of protection if given to students aged 12-13 years and before exposure to the HPV virus
- protects against four HPV types most commonly related to genital cancers, throat and mouth cancers and genital warts
- will still be beneficial even if there has been exposure to the virus as it is unlikely that infection with all HPV types covered by the vaccine has occurred
- does not replace regular Pap smears for women as the vaccine protects against most, but not all types of HPV that cause cervical cancer. Further information is available from www.sahealth.sa.gov.au or your Doctor

** When you provide your Medicare number, the student’s vaccination details will be sent to the National HPV Program Register

More information on the HPV Register is available at http://www.hpvregister.org.au/

Common side effects of Gardasil® vaccine

- mild fever
- pain, swelling and redness at the injection site
- headache, dizziness
- nausea and vomiting

Severe reactions to vaccines are very rare. If you need further information on the safety of vaccines, please contact your school immunisation provider or the Immunisation Section, SA Health, Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5 pm on 1300 232 272.