

Dear parents and guardians,

Just like at the beginning of every school year, the Ministry of Health via primary care teams will administer vaccines to students at schools according to the vaccination schedule in force in Catalonia.

The vaccine that has to be administered during the school year is the following:

- **Tetanus-diphtheria vaccine (Td vaccine)**, in a single dose (booster).

The vaccination schedule also includes the tetravalent meningococcal vaccine, MnACWY, for students who had not yet had it administered.

Vaccination is the best option for the prevention and control of the diseases included in the vaccination schedule and the best alternative for both individual and community health, in addition to being a right of citizens.

The purpose of vaccination at school is to provide the maximum access to vaccines and continue the immunisation schedule started in infancy. Getting as many people vaccinated as possible helps to curb disease transmission and protect the most vulnerable. This is why your cooperation is so important.

As in the administration of other vaccines, in case of acute fever disease it is recommended to postpone vaccination until the clinical condition has cleared up.

All the vaccines are usually well tolerated, although they may cause local irritation (swelling and/or redness at the injection site) or general discomfort (fever, fainting or headache). They seldom cause more serious adverse effects.

Normal activity can be done after the administration of vaccines, although it is advisable to avoid strenuous physical exercise for four hours afterwards.

We would ask you to fill in the enclosed form indicating whether or not you authorise your child to be vaccinated. It should be handed in to the classroom teacher as **we need your authorisation in order to be able to administer the vaccines at school.**

We will notify you of the vaccination date shortly. **On that day, your child must have their health card and immunisation record** with them so the doses administered can be recorded and the information on them checked.

If your child is found to be missing any vaccinations, you will be sent a form so that you can go to the vaccination centre to update their vaccination status.

For more information, please check the vaccination website on “Canal Salut” (Health Channel) of the Ministry of Health (<https://canalsalut.gencat.cat/ca/salut-a-z/v/vacunacions/>) or call 061 “Salut Respon” (Health Hotline).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Best regards,

School Health Team (ESE) and Primary Care Team (EAP)

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