

14th July 2015



Dear parent/guardian,

**Gold Coast Hospital
and Health Service**

I am writing as the senior doctor, on behalf of the Gold Coast Public Health Unit, to invite you to take part in an important review.

After many decades of providing the school immunisation program, the City of Gold Coast (Council) has decided to cease being the provider of this service after this year. As the Gold Coast Public Health Unit will be taking over the service, I want to take this opportunity to assess whether the current program is user-friendly for students and their parents.

To help with this assessment, we are conducting a survey to understand parents' views, and experience with the school immunisation program. You have been invited to take part in this survey as you are a parent or guardian of a year 8 student who is eligible for immunisation this year.

The survey will take no more than 10 minutes to complete, and consists of tick-box questions that can be completed on a smartphone, tablet or computer.

The questions in the survey aim to collect information about how you, as a parent, would prefer to receive information, what information you think would be helpful to make an informed decision about immunisation, how you would like to receive and return your child's immunisation consent form, any barriers you feel there are to accessing vaccination at school, and if you think a reminder service would be helpful.

Your participation in the survey is voluntary and anonymous, and will not impact your child's access to immunisation in any way. Your responses to this survey will be kept confidential. You will not be identified in any report and any contact details you provide will be stored securely.

To take part in the survey, please visit the web address or scan the QR code below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/yr8-school-immunisation>



If you have any concerns or would like further information, please contact me on (07) 5687 9000, or Paul.VanBuynder@health.qld.gov.au

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