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Executive Summary

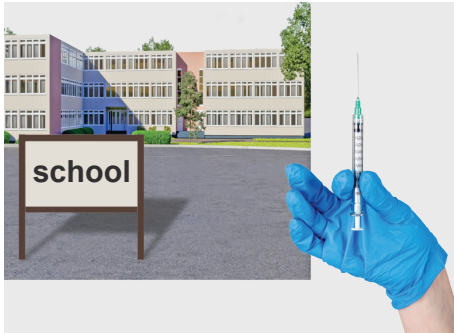
Giving vaccines in a person centred way



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About this information



This information is about how to give **vaccines** to students in **special schools**.



Vaccines are medicines that can stop you and your family from getting sick.



You get vaccines in a needle.



Special schools are schools where only students with disability go to.



Many students at special schools get their vaccines there.



We did a study about vaccines in special schools in NSW.



The study found out that vaccines should be done in **person centred** way.



Person centred means to think about each student and what they need.

What we found out

We found out vaccines in special schools can be hard for

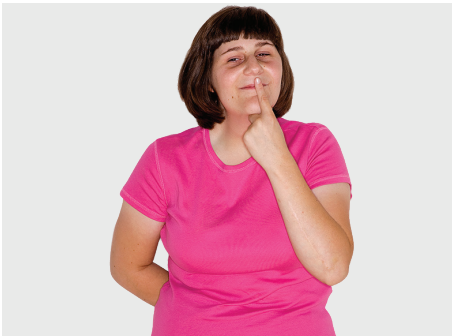
- Students
- Their family
- Schools
- Nurses.



Things that make vaccines hard for students



Lots of students are scared of needles.



It can make them worried about getting a vaccine.



Some students can not use their voice to say how they feel.



This can make them more stressed.

It means they might



- Use their body to show how they feel



- Hit back to show they do not want to get the vaccine.

This can be hard for other people like



- Nurses



- Teachers



- Parents.

Things that make vaccines hard for families



For some families it is hard to give **consent**.



Consent means they agree for their child to get a vaccine.



Some parents might

- Not know a lot about health
- Find it hard to use things like phones and computers
- Have no Medicare card
- Have a disability.



Some parents are scared the vaccine will hurt their children.



Some parents are worried their child will get upset and say no to a vaccine.



This can stop parents from letting their child get the vaccines.

Things that make vaccines hard for schools



There are things that can make it hard for schools to help students get vaccines.

These are things like

- The teachers have too much other work to do
- The teachers do not know what they need to do
- The schools do not get money to support the vaccine program
- School staff do not know if it is ok to hold students when they get the vaccine and how.



Things that make it hard for nurses



Nurses find it hard to give vaccines to students in a safe way.



They do not know the students and what they need before they meet them.



They do not get training about how to talk to people with disability in the best way.



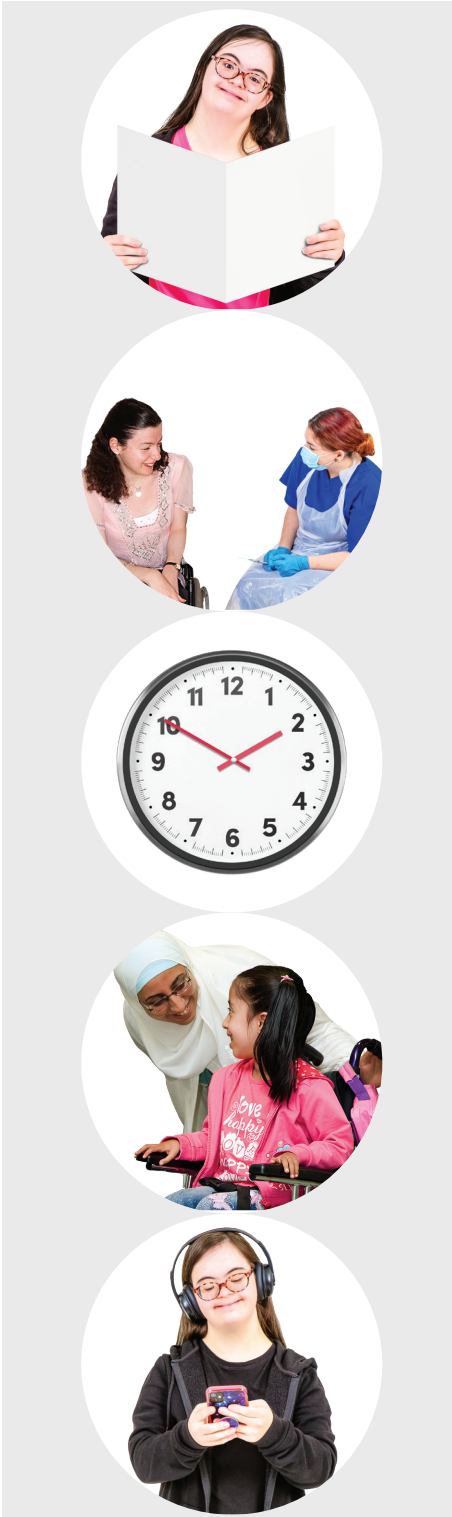
They do not have rules about **reasonable adjustments**.



Reasonable adjustments are changes to the way they give the vaccine to students.



The changes can help students feel better and safer about getting vaccines.



Reasonable adjustments could be things like

- Information in Easy Read
- Find out what the student needs to feel ok before
- Take more time to give the vaccine
- Have someone there to support the student like family
- Play their favourite music to help the student feel calm.

Other issues



We found that there are other issues with giving vaccines to students in special schools.



The **NSW School Vaccination Program** gives vaccines to all students in NSW.

We will say **the program** for short.



The program looks after 3120 schools.



181 of them are special schools.



The program is more set up for students without disability.



People feel the program should do a better job in looking after what students with disability need.



The program wants to give vaccines to as many students as they can.



The program should also support students to feel safe when they get vaccines.



This will help students with disability feel better about getting vaccines.



Everyone we talked to thinks vaccines should be given to students with disability in a person centred way.



Each student should be

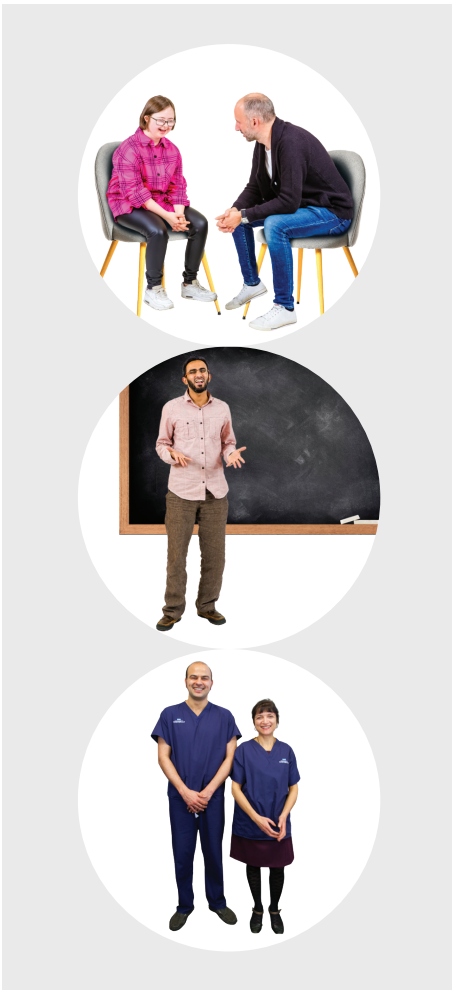
- Asked how they feel about vaccines
- Treated with respect.



This will help students with disability get vaccines in a safe way.



It will also help students feel less scared about vaccines.



Person centred also means we need to think about what helps

- Families

- Schools

- Nurses.



It can make everyone feel better about the vaccines.

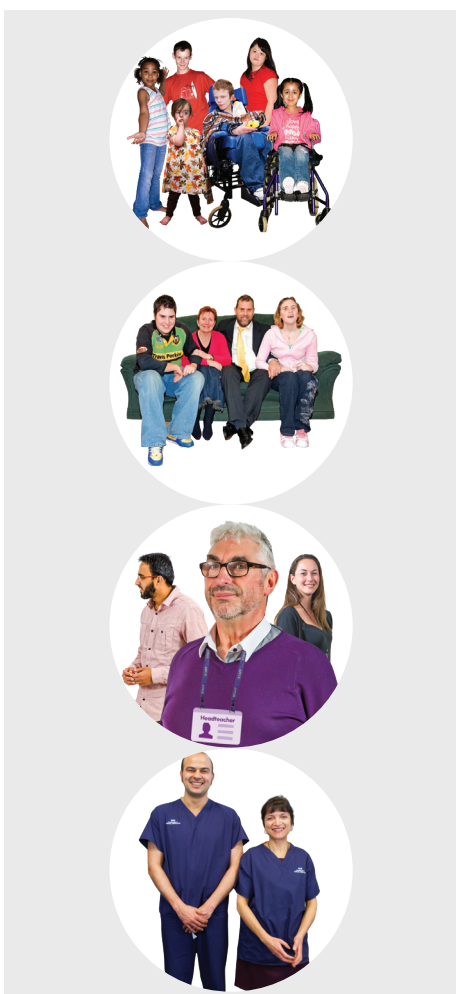
What we will do next



Next we want to make vaccines better for students at special schools.



We will find person centred ways to give students vaccines in special schools.



We will do this together with

- Students
- Their family
- Schools
- Nurses.

More information



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