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Dear Parents and Carers

On behalf of Catherine McAuley College, please read below the instructions regarding Year 10 Immunisations for 2020.

Due to the ongoing requirements to maintain social distancing and enhanced hygiene requirements associated with COVID -19, the City of Greater Bendigo Immunisation service has decided **not to** attend the schools to administer Year 10 Immunisation of Meningococcal ACWY.

Instead we are offering the Year 10 immunisation at

**STRATHDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
155 CROOK STREET  
STRATHDALE**

At Strathdale we are organised to administer immunisation as per government guidelines for immunisation, to ensure safety for everyone and we are constantly changing our sessions and times depending on need.

We ask that only one parent/carer attend the session per child, you will be screened prior to entry, we have the consent forms for you to complete with your own pen.

Please access [www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/Services/Children-and-Families/Immunisation/Immunisation-Services](http://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/Services/Children-and-Families/Immunisation/Immunisation-Services) for current session times prior to attending.

Immunisation is classed as an essential reason to leave your home.

The Year 10 Meningococcal vaccine is a routine scheduled vaccine on the National Immunisation Program.

The peak time for Meningitis is late winter to early spring, so we ask that you attend at your earliest convenience.

Further information can be obtained at

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/ConditionsAndTreatments/meningitis>

<https://www.health.gov.au/funnelback/search?query=men%20acwy>

If you have any queries or if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine at this time or if you would prefer to go to your GP please contact us at [immunisation.bendigo.vic.gov.au](http://immunisation.bendigo.vic.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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