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Title:	<b>11 students fell sick after vaccination at Government School in Ludhiana, Punjab</b>			
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At least eleven students (all aged between 16 to 18) fell sick after getting vaccinated at Government Senior Secondary School (Girls), Machhiwara, in Ludhiana district, Thursday.

As per details, the students were being vaccinated by the state health department teams for tetanus and diphtheria, when some of them started feeling nauseous and got severe headache. They were taken to the local community health centre and given first aid. Dr Arshdeep Singh Virk, officiating senior medical officer, Machhiwara, said that a total of 156 students — aged between 16 to 18 — were vaccinated on Thursday under the national vaccination programme for tetanus and diphtheria. Later, 11 students complained of feeling unwell.

“A situation of panic was created. One of the girls was unwell even before she was vaccinated. After vaccination, she started complaining of nausea and headache. Seeing her, other girls also went into a panic and got nauseous. All of them were taken to the local the local community health centre and discharged after first aid.

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They are all stable. One student was referred to sub-divisional hospital in Samrala and she is also stable,” said Dr Virk.

Denying reports that some children had also fallen unconscious, he said, “None of the students fell unconscious. The reason for students getting sick after vaccination will be probed,” he said.

After the incident, parents of several students reached the school and community health centre and demanded an explanation from vaccination team and teachers. Despite repeated attempts, the school principal could not be reached for a comment on the issue.

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