

IMMUNISATION POLICY

CORE VALUES

To provide a safe environment for all students and staff by ensuring vaccination records are up to date. This will help to prevent infectious outbreaks within the school setting.

AIMS

To ensure all students are fully vaccinated as per the National Immunisation Program schedule outlined by Dubai Health Authority. Vaccine qualified schools are to offer vaccination campaigns throughout the school year providing students MMR, OPV and Td immunizations free of charge.

To enable children ages 6 years and above to benefit from the basic vaccination programme provided by the Government.

PURPOSE

To provide standards for routine Immunisation regulation set by DHA.

TARGET AUDIENCE

School Nurses, School Doctors, Members involved with the school clinic, Parents, School Management

PROCEDURE:

Administrative

- a) Parents are informed during their tour or first visit to the school that a basic vaccination program is conducted in the school. Information regarding immunization is also posted on the website.
- b) Parents must complete the Medical form and submit a copy of their child's vaccination record when registering with the school.
- c) Original vaccine records are to be provided to admissions upon acceptance to the school. These are then passed over to the clinic. If parents are not willing to provide the original records, copies can be provided but they are to be updated by parents when new vaccines are administered outside of the school setting.
- d) Parents must sign a 'Consent for Immunisation' form and provide the original vaccination booklet so that the vaccination can be planned and confirmed.
- e) A medical examination is carried out by the school doctor prior to vaccination. Parents are informed in writing of medical examination. Vaccinations will only be given to students above the age of 6 years old when a school health record is started and their name is entered in the School Health Services Register.
- f) An 'Immunisation Information to Parents' form is sent out giving details of vaccination due and requesting further information from parents
- g) 'Notification for Immunisation' form is sent home with the student giving details of any vaccination given.
- h) Original vaccination booklet is returned to the parents when vaccinations are up to date or will be kept on file to record any impending vaccinations
- i) If parents do not wish their child to be vaccinated at school a consent form indicating their preference is kept on the child's record
- j) Immunisation at school will only take place if the number of consenting parents reaches to a total of 20 in all year levels from 6 years old and up. The vaccination will be done by the DHA nurses with the support of the school nurses of SBS.
- k) It is up to the school management team if student are not accepted into the school due to lack of vaccines or parents not willing to vaccinate their children.

- l) Vaccine records will be placed in the DHA medical file of the student and written in the chart under Immunization record.
- m) A record of students who are due to receive vaccinations is maintained and updated throughout the school year.
- n) A record of students who have refused vaccination is maintained and updated throughout the school year. Parent who refuse vaccination are to sign the refusal of vaccination letter and have it visible on the student's book.

Vaccine Campaigns

- The school clinic is to offer MMR, Td, Varicella and OPV vaccine campaigns throughout the school year to students free of charge.
- Form 1 is to be completed and sent to DHA nurse prior to the start of the school year outlining the estimated amount of vaccines required by the school for the year. Form 2 is to be sent a month before the campaign, including a more specific number of vaccines needed and form 3 is to be completed when the consents are returned and you have the exact amount of vaccines needed.
- One nurse will go to the DHA pharmacy to receive the required vaccines the morning of the campaign and return them at the end of the day. Vaccines are to be stored in a cool environment within the school clinic until they can be returned.
- Immunisation consent forms are to be sent to parents two weeks prior to the campaign date. This form outlines which vaccine the student is to receive. Parents must complete the forms fully and return them to the school prior to the campaign.
- Vaccines are only to be given in the following circumstances:
 - a) Consent form is fully completed, signed by parent and dated
 - b) Student does not have any allergies or contraindications to the vaccine
 - c) Student requires a dose of the specified vaccine
- *Should any of the above not be completed, the vaccine will not be administered.
- Emergency/ Anaphylaxis kit should be available during all vaccine campaigns
- Adverse reaction forms should be available in the instance of a reaction. Students are to be monitored in the clinic for up to 15 minutes after administration of the vaccine to monitor for any adverse reactions. Adverse reactions must be notified to DHA.
- Parents are to be provided information in the form of a letter to go home with the student detailing any side-effects of the vaccine and outlining which vaccine was administered.
- Vaccine administration is to be noted on the DHA blue Immunisation cards, original records, and on the immunization booster record. These are to be provided to student when they transfer schools or leave Dubai to keep with their records.
- The school doctor should be present during vaccine campaigns if possible to help assist the nurses during the campaign.
- At the end of the day, any unused vaccine, syringes, needles or supplies are to be returned to the DHA pharmacy they were picked up from by 3:30pm.

REFUSAL OF IMMUNIZATIONS

- For parents who wish to not receive vaccines in school, the school nurse is to ensure these children are fully vaccinated. If not the school nurse is to notify parents when the child is due for a booster.

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Appendix 1

Child health and school health Immunization Program in Dubai Health Authority:

Recommended Immunization Program for Persons Aged 0 through 6 Years in Primary Health Care–DHA (Updated April 2016)	
National Immunization Program البرنامج الوطني للتحصين	
عند الولادة AT BIRTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • التدرن • التهاب الكبد الوبائي (ب) (الجرعة الأولى) • BCG • Hep.B (1st Dose)
شهران 2 MONTHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • السداسي {دفتيريا، كزاز، السعال الديكي، المستديمة النزلية، شلل الأطفال العضلي (الجرعة الأولى)} • التهاب الكبد الوبائي (ب) (الجرعة الثانية) { • المكورات الرئوية (الجرعة الأولى) • لقاح الروتا (الجرعة الأولى) • Hexavalent vaccine {DTaP, Hib, IPV (1st Dose), Hep.B (2nd Dose)}, • PCV (Pneumococcal conjugate Vaccine) (1st Dose) • Rota virus vaccine (1st Dose)
4 أشهر 4 MONTHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • السداسي {دفتيريا، كزاز، السعال الديكي، المستديمة النزلية، شلل الأطفال العضلي (الجرعة الثانية)} • التهاب الكبد الوبائي (ب) (الجرعة الثالثة) { • شلل الأطفال الفموي. • المكورات الرئوية (الجرعة الثانية) • لقاح الروتا (الجرعة الثانية) • Hexavalent vaccine {DTaP, Hib, IPV (2nd Dose), Hep.B (3rd Dose)}, • OPV (Oral Polio Vaccine) • PCV (Pneumococcal conjugate Vaccine) (2nd Dose) • Rota virus vaccine (2nd Dose)
6 أشهر 6 MONTHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • الخماسي {دفتيريا، كزاز، السعال الديكي، المستديمة النزلية (الجرعة الثالثة)} • التهاب الكبد الوبائي (ب) (الجرعة الرابعة) { • شلل الأطفال الفموي • المكورات الرئوية (الجرعة الثالثة) • لقاح الروتا (الجرعة الثالثة) • Pentavalent vaccine {DTP, Hib (3rd Dose), Hep.B (4th Dose)} • OPV (Oral Polio Vaccine) • PCV (Pneumococcal conjugate Vaccine) (3rd Dose) • Rota virus vaccine (3rd Dose)
12 شهراً 12 MONTHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • النكاف، الحصبة، الحصبة الألمانية (الجرعة الأولى) • الجدري المائي (الجرعة الأولى) * • MMR (Mumps, Measles, Rubella) (1st Dose) • Chicken Pox (1st Dose) *
15 شهراً 15 MONTHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • المكورات الرئوية (الجرعة الرابعة) • PCV (Pneumococcal conjugate Vaccine) (4th Dose)
18 شهراً 18 MONTHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • الرابعي {دفتيريا، كزاز، السعال الديكي، المستديمة النزلية (الجرعة الرابعة)} • شلل الأطفال الفموي (الجرعة المنشطة الأولى) • النكاف، الحصبة، الحصبة الألمانية (الجرعة الثانية) • Tetravalent vaccine (DTaP, Hib) (4th Dose) • OPV (Oral Polio Vaccine) (1st Booster Dose) • MMR (Mumps, Measles, Rubella) (2nd Dose)
5-6 سنوات ** 5-6 YEARS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • الثلاثي {دفتيريا، كزاز، السعال الديكي (الجرعة الخامسة)} • شلل الأطفال الفموي (الجرعة المنشطة الثانية)

