



Newly-arrived Children Residing in Hong Kong

Information on Vaccination/Catch-up Vaccination

- The Department of Health (DH) recommends children who are newly arrived to Hong Kong to receive vaccinations under the Hong Kong Childhood Immunisation Programme (HKCIP) for protection against infectious diseases.
- Newborns and children aged up to 5 years can be vaccinated at any Maternal and Child Health Centres (MCHC) under the DH. As for primary school children, vaccination is provided at schools by the DH's outreaching School Immunisation Teams (SIT). Parents may also arrange vaccination for their children in private clinics at their own expense.
- Children who are unvaccinated or have not completed the relevant vaccination may need to receive catch-up immunisation. Please bring along their past immunisation record to the SIT or consult your family doctor for vaccination arrangement.



Vaccine Types and Schedule under Hong Kong Childhood Immunisation Programme

| Vaccine | Recommended Age/Grade for Vaccination | Recommendations for Catch-up Vaccination |
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| Bacille Calmette-Guerin (BCG) Vaccine | Newborn | Children under 15 years of age should get catch-up vaccination as soon as possible |
| Hepatitis B Vaccine | 1st dose: Newborn 2nd dose: 1 month 3rd dose: 6 months | Get catch-up vaccination as soon as possible |
| Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis & Inactivated Poliovirus (DTaP-IPV) Combination Vaccine | 1st dose: 2 months 2nd dose: 4 months 3rd dose: 6 months 4th dose: 18 months 5th dose: Primary 1 6th dose (reduced dose): Primary 6 | Get catch-up vaccination as soon as possible |
| Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR) Combination Vaccine | 1st dose: 12 months 2nd dose: 18 months | Get catch-up vaccination as soon as possible (Any measles-containing vaccines received before 1 year of age are not counted; children should receive two doses of measles-containing vaccines as recommended after 1 year of age) |
| Varicella Vaccine | 1st dose: 12 months 2nd dose: 18 months | Get catch-up vaccination as soon as possible (DH only provides free varicella vaccination to children who were born on or after 1 January, 2013) |
| Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine | 1st dose: 2 months 2nd dose: 4 months 3rd dose: 12 months | Get catch-up vaccination as soon as possible (Catch-up immunisation with pneumococcal vaccine is not recommended for children 6 years of age and older without risk factors for invasive pneumococcal disease) |
| Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine | 1st dose: Primary 5 2nd dose: Primary 6 | Get catch-up vaccination as soon as possible |

For enquiries and appointment booking, please contact SIT by phone at 2615 8585 or 2615 8563.



School Immunisation Teams

Please visit the following websites for other information:



HKCIP



MCHC

醫健通
eHealth
HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS GOVT



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For vaccines which are not included in the HKCIP, parents can consult their family doctor for advice on the benefits and risks of the relevant vaccines. Based on the doctor's assessment of the child's health condition and past medical history, parents can make an informed decision on whether to arrange vaccinations for their children for personal protection.