



18 Dec 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian

Provide Consent to Enrol Your Child in the Annual School-based Health & Dental Services

1. The Health Promotion Board (HPB)'s School Health and Dental Services will be conducting its annual health screening, immunisation and dental services for your child. These services ensure the protection of your child's health and early detection of health issues. We appreciate your partnership with HPB to give our children a healthier start in life.
2. Your consent is needed to ensure your child receives these important health and dental services provided.

<p>From 22 Dec 2020, you may access the Child Consent Portal via the QR code or link below.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">https://childconsent.hpb.gov.sg/</p> <p>Please submit your consent by <u>31 Jan 2021</u>.</p>	<p>What you need to do on the Child Consent Portal:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>1. Provide consent for HPB to deliver health and dental services to your child.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>2. Update your child's medical condition(s).</p> </div>
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3. Please be informed that from 2021, HPB will gradually switch to the use of inactivated poliomyelitis vaccine (IPV) instead of oral poliomyelitis vaccine (OPV) as the manufacturer has ceased production of OPV. Both IPV and OPV are recommended by World Health Organisation (WHO) for providing effective protection against polio viruses.
4. The Health Promotion Board's (HPB) School Health Service only screens for specific conditions. For other medical conditions, please consult a doctor.
5. If you do not wish for your child to undergo HPB's annual health screening in school, please write to HPB_SHC@hpb.gov.sg.

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the vaccinations provided under HPB's school-based immunisation programme? Are these vaccinations compulsory?

During school visits, the school health teams check and ensure that students have received their immunisations as recommended under the [National Childhood Immunisation Schedule](#).

Students who have incomplete immunisation records or require catch-up immunisations will be referred to the Student Health Centre (SHC). Parents may also take their child to their own doctor for the immunisation if they wish.

Please note that immunisation against Measles and Diphtheria is compulsory by law in Singapore.

In addition, HPB also offers fully subsidised HPV vaccinations to eligible Secondary 1 and 2 female students under the [National School-based Human Papillomavirus \(HPV\) Vaccination Programme](#) for protection against cervical cancer. HPV vaccination is not compulsory and parental consent is required before HPV vaccination can be administered.

2. What are the HPV vaccines available in Singapore?

Cervarix is the HPV vaccine used for the SHS immunisation programme. It provides protections against infections from the two most common HPV types (16 and 18), which are associated with about 70% of cervical cancer cases.

Other than Cervarix, the other two HPV vaccines approved for use in Singapore are Gardasil and Gardasil-9.

3. How many HPV vaccinations does my child need? What is the time interval between these vaccinations under the National School-based Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Programme?

The number of HPV vaccinations required depends on the age of the student at time of the first HPV vaccination. The required number and estimated timing of HPV vaccinations under this programme are as follows:

- i) Below 15 years old – Two doses are required.
Dose 1 is given in Secondary 1 and Dose 2 is given when your daughter/ward is in secondary 2.
- ii) 15 years old or above – Three doses are required.
Dose 1 and Dose 2 are given in Secondary 1 this year (with a minimum interval of 1 month between the two doses). Dose 3 is given when your daughter/ward is in secondary 2.

4. Are the HPV vaccines safe?

Clinical trials and post-marketing surveillance have shown that HPV vaccines are safe and effective. The vaccines do not contain any live viruses or infectious material. This means you cannot become infected with HPV from the vaccines.

5. Where can I find more information regarding HPV?

For more information on national school-based HPV vaccination programme, you may refer to:

https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/16/growing_up_strong_healthy/#HPV_vaccination_programme

For any queries, please email HPB_mailbox@hpb.gov.sg or call 6435 3895.

Sign up for educational talks organised in partnership with the Singapore Cancer Society (SCS) for a better understanding of what is HPV and how HPV vaccination can protect against cervical cancer.

Visit the website below for more information:

<https://www.singaporecancersociety.org.sg/get-screened/cervical-cancer/hpv-vaccination.html#hpv-education-talk>

To learn more about HPV and its link to cervical cancer, as well as HPV prevention and the different types of HPV vaccines in Singapore, please visit <https://www.healthhub.sg/a-z/diseases-and-conditions/701/faqs-on-hpv-and-hpv-immunisation>. You may also want to consult your family doctor if you would like to find out more about the benefits and risks of HPV vaccination, and which vaccine is more suitable for your daughter/ward.

6. Will my child's medical information be kept confidential and secure?

All information provided will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used by HPB in the management of your child's health. The information may be placed on a database known as the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) System and the National Electronic Health Records (NEHR). The information may also be collated and used for national public health policy planning, ethically approved research, official reports and publications. Full confidentiality is ensured, i.e. your child's identity will not be revealed.

7. Where can I find more information about the school health and dental services offered?

Please refer to detailed information on the health and dental services for each level at the links below:

- **School Health Service Programmes**

- Health Screening
https://www.healthhub.sg/live-healthy/366/health_screening_for_secondary_school
- Immunisation
https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/16/growing_up_strong_healthy/#immunisations_Secondary_School

- **School Dental Programme**

https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/15/school_dental_programme

- **National Immunisation Registry (NIR)**

www.nir.hpb.gov.sg

If you have any further enquiries, you may email us at HPB_SHC@hpb.gov.sg

8. Where can I find the outcomes of my child's school health and dental visit?

After the school health and dental visit, you may access your child's *School Health Assessment Summary* and *School Dental Records* via Singpass login at <https://www.healthhub.sg/HealtheServices>.

9. How do I check my child's immunisation records?

You may check your child's immunisation records (Singaporeans who are born in 1996 and after) with your SingPass at <https://www.healthhub.sg/HealtheServices>.

10. How do I submit the consent online?

It only takes 4 simple steps and the transaction is secure.

- i. Log on to <https://childconsent.hpb.gov.sg> from **22 Dec 2020**.
- ii. Login using your SingPass with 2-factor authentication (2FA).

(You may register for SingPass by visiting <https://www.singpass.gov.sg> OR any SingPass counter. The location of SingPass counters and instructions for 2FA activation are available on <https://www.singpass.gov.sg>)

- iii. Type in your child's BC / FIN number.
- iv. Fill up and submit the consent form.