



ST. MARY'S *Catholic High School, Dubai*

IMMUNIZATION POLICY

2026-2027



POLICY ON IMMUNIZATION

Immunization is a proven tool for controlling and eliminating life threatening infectious diseases.

Globally, it prevents millions of child deaths every year in all age groups from diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, and measles.

The UAE has developed a mandatory immunization schedule for children to cover them from birth till Grade 12.

The National Immunization Programme plays a significant role in boosting the immunity of the community, particularly school students, against vaccine-preventable diseases.

Summary of the Standard School Immunization Schedule adopted by DHA

Vaccine	Age/years	Interval	Dose	Remark
DPT/OPV 2 nd booster	5-6	2½ years interval from the first booster	0.5 ML	Only for children not vaccinated in child health services.
MMR 2 nd dose	5-6	4 – 6 weeks	Single	Minimum age for 1 st does – 12 months. Recommended interval between 2 doses – 6 months. Minimum interval – 4 weeks.
Meningococcal	15-18	Every 5 years	Single	
Td booster	15-18	5 years interval	0.5 ML	Td if not given at 15years, it can be given upto 18 years. No OPV should be given after 15 years.
HBV 1 st dose	5-12		0.5 ML	
HBV 2 nd dose	5-12	1-2 months	0.5 ML	
HBV 3 rd dose	5-12	4 months	0.5 ML	HBV if not given in SHS

DPT- Diphtheria - toxoid	OPV - live attenuated vaccine
Pertussis - killed/ inactivated	HBV - killed/ inactivated vaccine
Tetanus - toxoid	MMR - Live vaccine

Summary of the Standard School Immunization Schedule Adopted by DHA

Vaccine	Route	Grade
MMR	Subcutaneous (Sc)	Year 2
D Tap/IPV Or Tdap vaccine	Intramuscular (IM)	
OPV	Oral two drops	
Varicella	Subcutaneous (Sc)	
Tdap	Intramuscular (IM)	Year 12
Meningococcal vaccine	Intramuscular (IM)	
HPV 1 st dose	Intramuscular (IM)	Year 9 (Emirati Students only)
HPV 2 nd dose (1-2 months interval from 1 st dose)	Intramuscular (IM)	

- Students under 15 years old require 2 doses of HPV vaccine.
- Students above 15 years old require 3 doses of HPV vaccine (3rd dose after 4 months of 2nd dose (6 months from 1st dose in interval of 0,2,6 months).

Vaccination procedure in school:

1. **Ordering vaccines –**

An order to be placed for the required amount of vaccines from DHA Health Regulation department at the beginning of school year based on **Annual Vaccine Estimation**. In case of extra vaccine requirement, an order to be submitted **two weeks prior** to the immunization program.



2. **Transporting vaccines –**

Transporting should be done according to DHA guidelines, maintaining the cold chain.

3. **Receiving vaccine –**

upon receiving the vaccine from the distributor, the school healthcare team should make sure to check the cold chain, if the contents of the shipment matches the order form, and the monitor card does not reflect any heat exposure.

4. **Storing vaccines:**

- Vaccine will be collected on the same day morning and hand over the unused vaccine vials on the same day prior to school closure.
- Insulated containers (Coolers) are used to store the vaccines during vaccination session.
- Cooler must be able to maintain vaccine temperature at +2 to +8 throughout the day.
- Temperature inside the cooler should be maintained with ice packs and insulating materials.
- Use a constant temperature – recording thermometer or digital thermometer to monitor the temperature.



5. **Recording vaccinations:**

- During the planned immunization, following the parents' consent, write the planned date in pencil (the date when the vaccine is supposed to be administered) on the column provided for.
- On the vaccination day, the nurse who has administered the vaccine should erase the pencil written planned date and update it with the date of vaccination in ink and sign over it.
- Parents should be informed about the vaccine via "Notification for Immunization form".
- Students should be monitored for half an hour following vaccination for any adverse effects.



- Adverse effects should be informed to parents via “Report on Adverse Effects following Immunization” form and to DHA school health section via updating on Hasana System.
- Parents should inform details of any vaccination given to kids outside of the school-to-school clinic. Details of such vaccination to be documented in student medical records.

References:

1. <https://www.dha.gov.ae/Documents/Regulations/School%20Clinic%20Regulation%20New.pdf>
2. Booklet -School health guidelines manual for private schools in Dubai by DHA.

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