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Dear Parent / Guardian

## Enrol Your Child for 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>You may access the <a href="https://childconsent.hpb.gov.sg">Child Consent Portal</a> via the QR code or link below.</p>  <p><a href="https://childconsent.hpb.gov.sg">https://childconsent.hpb.gov.sg</a></p>	<p><b>What you need to do on the <a href="https://childconsent.hpb.gov.sg">Child Consent Portal</a>:</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>1. Provide <b>consent</b> for HPB to deliver health and dental services to your child.</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>2. Update your child's medical condition(s).</p> </div>
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3. HPB offers fully subsidised Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations to eligible Secondary 1 and 2 female students. HPV vaccinations are highly recommended for females 9-26 years old for protection against cervical cancer. Parental consent is required before HPV vaccination can be administered.
4. HPB's 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](mailto: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 the first year, with a minimum interval of 1 month between the two doses. Dose 3 is usually given the next year with a minimum interval of 5 months between Dose 2 and Dose 3.

#### **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](https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/16/growing_up_strong_healthy/#HPV_vaccination_programme)

For any queries, please email [HPB\\_mailbox@hpb.gov.sg](mailto: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. If you provide us with personally identifiable data, we may share necessary data with other Government agencies where appropriate, so as to improve the discharge of public functions, and to serve you in the most

efficient and effective way unless such sharing is prohibited by law. HPB may share your personal data with non-Government entities (including appointed service providers) that have been authorised to carry out specific Government services. HPB will not share your personal data with other non-Government entities without your consent except where such sharing complies with the law. HPB abides by the intent of [HPB \(Data\) Privacy Statement](#).

## **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](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](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](https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/15/school_dental_programme)
- **National Immunisation Registry (NIR)**  
[www.nir.hpb.gov.sg](http://www.nir.hpb.gov.sg)

If you have any further enquiries, you may email us at [HPB\\_SHC@hpb.gov.sg](mailto: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/HealthServices>.

## **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/HealthServices>

## 10. How do I submit the consent for dental services and HPV immunisation online?

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

- i. Log on to <https://childconsent.hpb.gov.sg>.
- 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.

### **^ The following groups of users are eligible to apply for SingPass:**

- *Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents or*
- *Employment Pass and Personalised Employment Pass holders or*
- *EntrePass holders or*
- *S-Pass holders or*
- *Dependant Pass holders (of EP, PEP, EntrePass and S-Pass holders) or*
- *Long Term Visit Pass-Plus (LTVP+) holders or*
- *Selected Long Term Visit Pass holders or*
- *Work Permit holders*