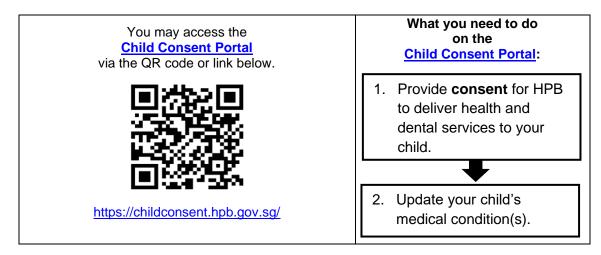
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Dear Parent / Guardian

#### 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 the 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.



- 3. A child in Primary 1 who is found to have incomplete dose(s) of either measles, diphtheria or poliomyelitis vaccinations will be vaccinated with any one or more of the following vaccinations by the Health Promotion Board's School Health Services (SHS):
  - Tdap for diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis;
  - MMR for measles, mumps and rubella; and
  - IPV for poliomyelitis.

You are deemed to have consented to have your child vaccinated by the SHS based on the National Childhood Immunisation Schedule (NCIS) if you take no further action.

If you **<u>DO NOT WISH</u>** your child to be vaccinated by the SHS and wish to make your own arrangements to have your child vaccinated, please log-in at <u>https://childconsent.hpb.gov.sg</u> to indicate so.

- The Health Promotion Board's (HPB) School Health Service only screens for specific conditions (Please refer to <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> for the types of screening offered). For other medical conditions, please consult a doctor.
- If you <u>DO NOT WISH</u> for your child to undergo HPB's annual health screening in school, please write to <u>HPB\_SHC@hpb.gov.sg</u>.

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### Frequently Asked Questions

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

Vaccinations against conditions such as poliomyelitis are recommended under the Singapore's National Childhood Immunisation Schedule (NCIS).

Vaccinations against measles and diphtheria are compulsory for all children in Singapore under the Infectious Diseases Act (in addition to being part of the NCIS).

For more information, you may visit <u>https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/16/growing\_up\_strong\_healthy</u>, <u>www.nir.hpb.gov.sg</u> or email your queries to <u>HPB\_SHC@hpb.gov.sg</u>.

#### 2. What are the types of screening that will be offered to my Primary 1 child?

- Vision screening (Eyesight test)
- 3D vision screening
- Growth & development assessment
- Hearing screening
- Medical check-up by doctor for specific conditions
  - Includes a check of scrotum (private parts) for male students to detect undescended testicles<sup>1</sup>
- Immunisation for students who missed earlier doses

For more information, please download the <u>SHS Guide to Health Checks and</u> <u>Immunisations for P1 pupils</u>.

<sup>1</sup> Undescended testicles occur when one or both testicles do not descend into the scrotum, potentially increasing the risk of infertility and cancer. Male students will be briefed by the doctor and nurse before the check-up is done. During the check-up, which will be done in an enclosed area for privacy, the student will be asked to remove his underwear and the doctor will check his genitals. As part of the examination, physical contact will be made with your child's groin and genitals as the doctor will palpate the scrotum for the presence of the testicles. If he refuses the check, the doctor will contact you to offer you a choice to decline screening or to refer your child to HPB's Student Health Centre where you can accompany him for the examination.



#### 3. 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 <u>HPB (Data) Privacy Statement</u>.

## 4. 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 at the links below:

- School Health Service Programmes
  - Health Screening <u>https://www.healthhub.sg/live-healthy/365/health\_screening\_for\_primary\_school</u>
  - Immunisation
     <u>https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/16/growing\_up\_strong\_healthy/#Im\_munisations\_Primary\_School</u>
- School Dental Programme
   <a href="https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/15/school\_dental\_programme">https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/15/school\_dental\_programme</a>
- National Immunisation Registry (NIR) www.nir.hpb.gov.sg

If you have any further enquiries, you may email us at <u>HPB\_SHC@hpb.gov.sg.</u>



#### 5. 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 <u>https://www.healthhub.sg/HealtheServices</u>.

#### 6. 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 <u>https://www.healthhub.sg/HealtheServices</u>.

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

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

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

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

- 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