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# **Protect your Children** from Serious Diseases











### **Hepatitis B Vaccine:**

Protects against a serious liver disease caused by hepatitis B virus.

#### **Rotavirus Vaccine:**

Protects against severe vomiting, diarrhea and dehydration caused by Rotavirus.

#### **BCG Vaccine:**

Protects against tuberculosis – an infection usually of the lungs. However, tuberculosis can affect other areas of the body.

#### **DTaP Vaccine:**

Protects against diphtheria (a serious throat infection), tetanus (lockjaw) and pertussis (whooping cough).

#### **Hib Vaccine:**

Protects against Haemophilus influenzae b disease which can cause serious infections of the brain, spinal cord, blood and other organs.

#### **Polio Vaccine:**

Protects against polio – a paralytic disease.

#### **Pneumococcal Vaccine:**

Protects against serious infections for example pneumonia, meningitis, blood poisoning and ear infections caused by pneumococcal bacilli.

#### **MMR Vaccine:**

Protects against measles, mumps and rubella (German measles).

#### **Varicella Vaccine:**

Protects against chickenpox

## **Human Papillomavirus Vaccine** (Gardasil) 9:

Protects against diseases caused by 9 HPV types. These diseases include pre-cancerous lesions, cancers and genital warts in males and females. HPV vaccines is offered in schools, Public Health Department clinic and from priviate doctors offices.

To ensure your child(ren) get all the vaccines they need, take them to a District Health Centre, school or private paediatrician when they are:

6 weeks, 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 15 months, 18 months, 3-4 years, 10-12 years and 14-16 years.

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Immunization is the process whereby a person is made immune or resistant to an infectious disease, typically by the administration of a vaccine. Vaccines stimulate the body's own immune system to protect the person against subsequent infection or disease. (MHO 2013)