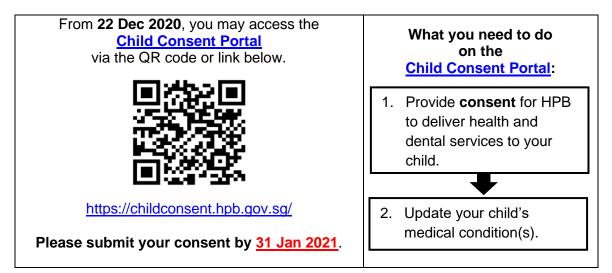
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Dear Parent / Guardian

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

- 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.



- 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.
- If you do not wish 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?

HPB provides vaccinations against Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Tdap) and Poliomyelitis [e.g. oral poliomyelitis vaccine (OPV) or inactivated poliomyelitis vaccine (IPV)] for students in primary schools. Primary 1 students will receive compulsory vaccinations against Measles and Diphtheria (MMR/Tdap) if they have not received the recommended doses of these vaccinations under the National Childhood Immunisation Schedule (NCIS). This is mandated by the Infectious Diseases Act in Singapore.

If you wish to make alternative vaccination arrangements, please opt-out of this service at <u>https://childconsent.hpb.gov.sg</u> from 1st Jan 2021. If no opt-out notification is received from you, please be informed that your child will receive the compulsory vaccinations during the annual school health visit by HPB's School Health Service if required.

For more information, you may visit <u>www.nir.hpb.gov.sg</u> or email your queries to <u>HPB_SHC@hpb.gov.sg</u>.

With parental consent, Primary 5 students will receive booster vaccinations against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Poliomyelitis as recommended under NCIS.

2. What does the change from OPV to IPV mean for my child?

Primary 5 students currently receive 1 injection (Tdap) and 2 oral drops (OPV) as recommended under NCIS.

Moving forward, Primary 5 students will receive only 1 injection i.e. a combined vaccine Tdap-IPV. This means that children will receive booster Tdap and IPV within the same injection. After review of a student's immunisation record, if a student requires IPV but not Tdap, a standalone IPV injection will be administered.



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.

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-</u> <u>healthy/365/health_screening_for_primary_school</u>

Immunisation
 <u>https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/16/growing_up_strong_healthy/#Im</u>
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- School Dental Programme https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/15/school_dental_programme
- National Immunisation Registry (NIR)
 <u>www.nir.hpb.gov.sg</u>

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 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 <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.