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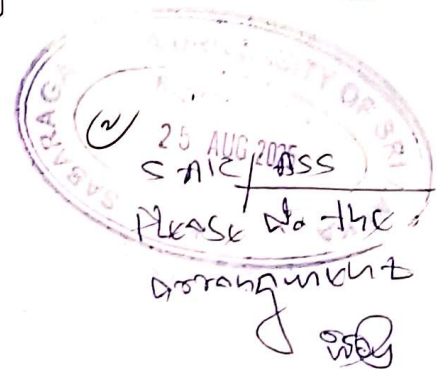
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Special Measles Rubella (MR) Immunization Campaign

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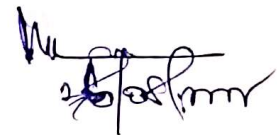
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Special Measles-Rubella (MR) Immunization Campaign for Health Care Workers (HCW) in
Healthcare Settings, Including Private Sector Institutions Starting from 21st of June, 2025

In response to the 2023/2024 measles outbreak in Sri Lanka, strengthening immunity against measles among high-risk groups — particularly healthcare workers (HCWs) has been identified as a priority. The National Advisory Committee on Communicable Diseases (NACCD), in its 2023 recommendation, proposed a Supplementary Immunization Activity (SIA) targeting HCWs who were within the 20 to 30-year age group at the time (i.e., those born between 1994 and 2003). The SIA would administer an additional MR vaccine dose regardless of one's previous state of immunization with a measles-containing vaccine (MCV) i.e. Measles, MR or MMR vaccine.

In addition to the SIA, a catch-up immunization campaign will be implemented for healthcare workers with missed MCV doses, under 41 years of age, who fall outside the SIA target group mentioned above.

This special MR immunization campaign will target healthcare workers (HCWs) in both curative and preventive healthcare settings, across the government and private sectors. The campaign will take place from the 21st of June 2025.

Target Groups

- For the SIA (additional dose): All HCWs who were born between 01.01.1994 to 31.12.2003 (including both days) are to receive a supplementary dose of the Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccine, regardless of previous MCV vaccination status.
- For the catch-up programme (any missed dose): HCWs below 41 years of age (born after 01.01.1984) and falling outside the SIA age group, who do not have documented evidence of two doses of any measles-containing vaccine (MCV) should receive a dose of the MR vaccine.
- Any Nursing training schools, Midwifery schools and PHI schools that were not covered under higher education educational settings in the 12 high-risk districts during the 2024 November campaign should be included in the current campaign under healthcare institutions.

Note: for any HCWs who have never received any MCV, a second dose should be administered at least six weeks after the initial dose to complete the schedule.

Implementation

- All healthcare institutions including MOH Offices, would ensure MR vaccination of eligible HCWs under their purview.
- Regional Epidemiologists or Medical Officers of Epidemiology would conduct training for relevant representatives (e.g., Medical Officers - Public Health, Infection Control Nursing Officers, and Medical Officers of Health) in their respective districts prior to the campaign to ensure the effective implementation of the special immunization campaign.
- Regional and divisional health authorities and heads of institutions would organize vaccination clinics accordingly
- Vaccination records of individuals should be updated, and special vaccination cards should be issued to those who do not possess existing immunization records.
- Cold chain maintenance and following of immunization protocols should be assured at all vaccination centers.
- A monitoring mechanism will be implemented to assess vaccine uptake

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Vaccines and Logistics

- Measles/Rubella (MR) vaccine will be used for the special immunization campaign.
- The vaccines will be provided by the Ministry of Health (Epidemiology Unit) through the Regional Medical Supplies Division (RMSD).

Timely reporting of vaccination coverage and any Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) to the Epidemiology Unit should be ensured.

Further instructions regarding arrangements for MR vaccination clinics, contraindications, dosage, route of administration, record keeping, AEFI reporting, emergency preparedness, etc., are provided in the accompanying guideline annexed to this document.

Your support and collaboration in ensuring the successful implementation of this special MR Immunization campaign are very much appreciated.


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