

Dear Parent / Guardian,

National Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Programme for Secondary One and Four (Age Equivalent – 13 and 16 years) Singapore and Singapore Permanent Resident Female Students in Privately Funded Schools

1. The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine helps to protect your daughter against cervical cancer, which is caused by HPV infection. Cervical cancer is the 10th most common cancer and 8th most common cause of cancer deaths among women in Singapore. In Singapore, HPV vaccination has been recommended for females aged between 9 and 26 years since 2010. HPV vaccination will now be offered for your daughter and is free of charge.
2. Since April 2019, the Health Promotion Board (HPB) has been offering the HPV vaccination to Secondary One female students in MOE schools and will be extending to female students in Secondary Four and Five as a one-time catch up programme in July 2019.
3. HPB is also pleased to offer the similar HPV vaccination programme to Singaporean and Permanent Resident female students in Secondary One and Four (Age equivalent 13 and 16 years) in Privately Funded Schools with effect from August 2019. Two doses are required for students who are below 15 years and three doses for those 15 years and above. The first dose will be given from July 2019, followed by the second dose a month later and the third dose in the following year.
4. Three types of HPV vaccines are available in Singapore – Cervarix, Gardasil, and Gardasil 9. Currently, Cervarix and Gardasil are recommended under the national immunisation schedules and provide comparable protection against cancer-causing HPV infection. Cervarix will be the vaccine used for this programme. Gardasil 9 is a relatively new vaccine and the Ministry of Health is in the process of evaluating it to compare it to the other HPV vaccines.
5. Please complete the consent form which we have provided to the school to submit your consent for HPV vaccination for your daughter/ward.
6. For more information on HPV vaccination programme, please refer to the attached pamphlet.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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