

UVA WELLASSA UNIVERSITY

SPECIAL NOTICE

To: All students:

Special Measles

Rubella Immunization Campaign in Higher Educational Institutes - 2025

This is to inform to the students who were born between January 01, 1994 to December 31, 2003 are requested to read the following instructions in regard to the Special Measles Rubella Immunization Campaign in Higher Educational Institutes - 2025.

- 1. This special Measles Rubella immunization vaccination campaign is due to be held at the Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka scheduled on 29th and 30th of September 2025.
- 2. Targeted students population
 - All individual students who were born between January 01, 1994 to December 31, 2003.
 - Those students who do not have documented evidence of two doses of any Measles containing vaccine (MCV).
- 3. Students who are from the following districts are eligible for the vaccination campaign Hambanthota, Kegalle, Rathnapura, Matale, Nuwara-eliya, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Trincomalee, Badulla, Monaragala, Kilinochchi, Mannar, Mullaitivu and Vavuniya
- 4. Individuals born between January 01, 2004 and December 31, 2009 will also be considered for this catch-up programme.
- 5. The persons who are in the above age categories are eligible for vaccination programme should bring their "Child health development record book" (ළදරු සෞඛ්ය වධර්න සටහන).
- 6. Students must produce a letter of consent from their parent or guardian.

The specimen for letter of consent is follows. The letter of consent should be submitted on the day of vaccinating.

This is to give my	onsent to vaccinating my son/daughter. His/hers details are as follow
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Student Affairs Divisionenior Assistant Registrar / Student Affairs Uva Wellassa University

Sri Lanka

September 9, 2025 Badulla

Cc: Notice Board/ File



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2023 වර්ෂයේ මැයි මස සිට ශී ලංකාවේ ඇතැම් වයස් ඛාණ්ඩ තුළ සරම්ප රෝගය පැතිරයාමක් දක්නට ඇති බැවින්, බදුල්ල ඇතුළුව අධි අවදානම් දිස්තුික්ක 12 ක් තුළ විශේෂ එන්නත්කරණ වැඩ සටහනක් 2024 නොවැම්බර් මස සිට ආරම්භ කර ඇත. (ලිපිය අමුණා ඇත.)

- 02. ඒ අනුව ඌව වෙල්ලස්ස විශ්ව විදාහලයේ සිටින 1994.01.01 සහ 2003.12.31 කාලය තුළ උපන් අයගෙන් සරම්ප එන්නත් (Measles, MR හෝ MMR) මාතුා දෙකක් ලබාගෙන ඇති බවට ලිඛිත සටහනක් නොමැති සියළු දෙනා මෙම එන්නත්කරණය සඳහා යෝගා වේ.
- 03. මෙම එන්නත්කරණ වැඩසටහන 2025 සැප්තැම්බර් මස 29 හා 30 යන දෙදින ඔබ ආයතනය සිදු කිරීමට අවශා කටයුතු සම්පාදනය කරන මෙන් ඉල්ලා සිටින අතර, ඉහත වයස් ඛාණ්ඩයට අයත් සියළු දෙනා ළදරු සෞඛා වර්ධන සටහන (Child health development record / ඛර පොත) සමහ ඒ සඳහා යොමු කරන ලෙස කාරුණිකව ඉල්ලා සිටිමි.
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<u>Special Measles-Rubella Immunization Campaign in Occupational Settings, and Higher</u> <u>Educational Settings in Selected Districts, Starting from 12th July 2025</u>

Sri Lanka achieved measles elimination status in 2019. However, consequent to global and regional outbreaks and probable immunity gaps in certain age groups, Sri Lanka has experienced measles transmission since May 2023. The majority of cases were among the 20 - 30 year age group, followed by infants below 9 months of age awaiting their 1st dose of MMR vaccine. The 20 - 30 year old age group has become the primary reservoir of infection, driving the transmission. Several clusters of cases have been reported in crowded occupational settings with a high disease transmission risk occupied by young adults (e.g. Higher educational institutions, training schools and factories).

To address this, a special catch-up measles-rubella (MR) immunization campaign was initiated in November 2024, covering 12 high-risk districts based on the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO) and National Advisory Committee on Communicable Diseases (NACCD).

The Ministry of Health has planned to extend this special MR immunization campaign as a caup program to cover occupational and higher educational settings in all remaining district starting from 12th July 2025.

These will include the following districts;

Hambantota, Kegalla, Ratnapura, Matale, Nuwaraeliya, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Trincomalee, Badulla, Monaragala, Kilinochchi, Mannar, Mullaitivu and Vavuniya.

1. Target population

- All individuals who were born between 01.01.1994 to 31.12.2003 working in settings of high transmission risk who do not have documented evidence of two doses of any measles-containing vaccine (MCV), i.e. Measles, MR or MMR vaccine, should receive a dose of the MR vaccine.
- However, individuals born between 01.01.2004 and 31.12.2009 will also be considered for this catch-up programme.
- Settings of high transmission risk would include higher education institutions, training institutions, work settings including factories

Implementation

- The Medical Officer of Health (MOH) in consultation with the district team will decide on the higher educational / occupational settings settings to be included in the special immunization campaign.
- Immunization clinics may either be conducted onsite at selected occupational or higher educational institutions, or eligible individuals may be referred to routine immunization clinics conducted by the MOH office or a hospital. The final arrangement will be decided by the MOH team in consultation with the district team, based on practical considerations.
- Regional Epidemiologists or Medical Officers of Epidemiology should conduct training for MOH
 office teams in their respective districts prior to the campaign to ensure the effective
 implementation of the special immunization campaign.
- 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

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).

Kindly ensure timely reporting of immunization coverage and any Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) to the Epidemiology Unit.

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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