



VACCINATION CATCHUP



**THEME: “VACCINATION FOR
ALL IS HUMANLY POSSIBLE”**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

1. What is Vaccination Catchup?

- Vaccination Catch up refers to all actions aimed at vaccinating individuals and children who, for whatever reason, missed or did not receive doses of vaccines which they are eligible as per the national immunization schedule
- Vaccination Catch up not only provide an opportunity to reach those missed with vaccinations but also provide an opportunity to strengthen immunization programs at national and subnational levels to reach children beyond the first year of life and to broaden immunization services throughout the life course.

2. Why are we having the vaccination Catch Up?

- The vaccination Catch Up addresses gaps in immunization coverage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent response and other disruptions not limited to unfavorable climatic conditions; frequent health worker strikes
- Many children/persons miss vaccinations like it was experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic and other healthcare system challenges, putting them at risk of preventable diseases such as measles, polio, and diphtheria, among others
- The vaccination catch-up help to fill immunity gaps where people are missed by routine immunization services

3. Which vaccines are included in the vaccination Catch Up plan?

All recommended vaccines by the MOH including;

- BCG Vaccine
- Polio Vaccine
- IPV vaccine
- Pentavalent vaccines
- Measles Rubella Vaccine
- HPV Vaccine
- Tetanus Diphtheria Vaccine
- Covid-19 Vaccine

4. Who is eligible for the vaccination Catch Up?

- All children under 5 for all due vaccines
- 10-14year old adolescent girls for HPV Vaccine
- Pregnant women for Tetanus Diphtheria
- Adults with comorbidities for COVID 19 Vaccine

5. Can older children and adults benefit from this initiative?

- Yes, while vaccination focus has been on children, older children, adolescent girls, and adults who are not fully vaccinated are eligible for catch up on vaccines.

6. How can I know if I have missed any vaccine?

- For children under 5 years, check the Mother Child Handbook
- For girls, 10-14years, check HPV vaccination card
- Visit the nearest health facility
- Talk to a health care worker or Community Health Promoter (CHP)

7. What is the cost of getting the vaccines?

- Vaccines are provided at no cost in all public health facilities

8. What happens if I do not complete the schedule?

- To be fully protected from vaccine preventable diseases, it is important to receive all doses of the vaccine according to immunization schedule.

9. Are vaccines safe?

- Vaccines used for immunization in Kenya are safe and effective in preventing life threatening vaccine preventable diseases.
- Some people may experience mild side effects after vaccination, such as pain or swelling at the injection site
- In case of serious side effects, visit the nearest health facility

10. How long will vaccination catch up be done?

- The vaccination catch-up will continue for a period of 6 months to ensure every eligible person is reached, while routine immunization will remain available at all health facilities.

11. What can I do to support the vaccination catch up in my community?

- Spread awareness about the importance of routine immunization.
- Encourage parents to ensure their children are vaccinated.
- Participate in local campaigns or initiatives aimed at promoting vaccination.

12. Is this initiative part of routine vaccination, or a one-time effort?

- The Catch-Up is a special campaign to reach those who have missed any of their vaccinations as part of routine immunization programs.
- The Catch Up aims to restore the country's immunization coverage to pre-pandemic period levels.
- The Catch Up aims to strengthen health systems for the future.

13. Why is misinformation about vaccines dangerous?

- Misinformation can lead to vaccine hesitancy, resulting in lower vaccination rates.
- Misinformation increases the risk of disease outbreaks and puts vulnerable populations, at greater risk.

14. What steps are being taken to combat misinformation in Kenya?

- The Ministry of Health authorities in Kenya and partners are actively engaging communities through public awareness campaigns, providing accurate information, and addressing concerns directly to dispel myths about vaccines.
- You can help to reduce misinformation by reporting any myths and misconceptions about vaccines to your local health authorities or community leaders.
- You can help share accurate information from reliable sources to help educate others in your community about vaccines and their benefits.

15. How can I verify the accuracy of information about vaccines?

- It is recommended that you visit your nearest health facility or consult reliable sources, including websites such as the Ministry of Health in Kenya, the World Health Organization (WHO), or UNICEF. These organizations provide evidence-based information about vaccines.

16. Why is it important to vaccinate despite misinformation?

- Vaccination is crucial for preventing vaccine preventable diseases and protecting the health of everyone in the community.
- High vaccination coverage is essential to maintain immunity in communities and protect communities against vaccine preventable disease outbreaks.

17. How can I encourage others to get vaccinated?

- Share accurate information and discuss the benefits of vaccination with friends and family.
- Encourage everyone to visit health facilities for routine immunizations and to participate in vaccination campaigns.
- Be a champion, share personal stories and testimonials to help influence others positively.

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Immunization for all:
Vaccines protect
against diseases

