



MEASLES AND RUBELLA VACCINATION CAMPAIGN 11 – 22 JULY 2016

The Ministry is conducting a country-wide Measles and Rubella vaccination campaign from 11-22 July 2016, the target for the campaign are children from 9 months up to young adults 39 years of age, male and female.

Pregnant women should not get vaccinated with Measles and Rubella until they have delivered. Couples who plan for a baby should delay pregnancy until after four months.

Vaccination points are all the hospitals, Health centres, and clinics, temporary vaccination points such as schools, Institutions of Higher Education, churches, shops and outreach points.

Bring along health passports and vaccination cards (yellow, pink/blue or pink health passport. For those who may not have a hospital health passports, please bring an identification document to prove your age.

Measles and Rubella (German measles) are diseases that spread from person to person through the air. You can easily get the disease by being around someone who is already infected.

Vaccine-preventable diseases can be very serious, may require hospitalization, or can even be deadly. Thanks to successful vaccination programs these diseases are less common. But if we stopped vaccinating they would return.

Measles: causes rash, cough, runny nose, eye irritation, and fever. It can lead to ear infection, pneumonia, seizures (jerking and staring), brain damage, and death.

Rubella (German Measles) causes rash, arthritis (mostly in women), and mild fever. If a woman gets rubella while she is pregnant, she could have a miscarriage or her baby could be born with serious birth defects.