

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT
(Cap. 63:01)

**PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF IMMUNIZABLE CHILDHOOD DISEASES)
REGULATIONS, 2005**
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WHEREAS immunizable childhood diseases are communicable diseases in terms of section 16 (c) of the Public Health Act;

AND WHEREAS children under five years of age are susceptible to immunizable childhood diseases;

AND WHEREAS it is in national interest to make provisions to prevent infection of immunizable childhood diseases in children;

AND WHEREAS the Minister is required by section 16 (c) of the Public Health Act to make regulations for the prevention of any communicable disease;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Minister by sections 16 (c) and 88 of the Public Health Act, the following Regulations are hereby made —

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Prevention of Immunizable Childhood Diseases) Regulations, 2005. Citation

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation

“designated centre” means a hospital, clinic, health post, mobile stop or any temporary vaccination site set up during an immunization campaign;

“health team” means a team consisting of persons who have qualifications in the rendering of health services, and trained volunteers, appointed by the Minister for the purpose of immunizing children against immunizable childhood diseases.

“immunizable childhood diseases” means Diptheria, Pertusis, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis, Tuberculosis, Measles and Hepatitis B;

“health post” means a static health facility of the lowest level which is staffed by a nurse or a family welfare educator or both; and

“mobile stop” means a mobile health facility set up by the Ministry responsible for health, at regular intervals, for the purpose of providing health services.

3. (1) Every parent or guardian of a child under the age of five years shall allow a health team — Prevention of immunizable childhood diseases

(a) to enter his or her home for the purpose of looking for children to be immunized against immunizable childhood diseases; and

(b) that enters his or her home in terms of paragraph (a) to immunize that child against immunizable childhood diseases, and shall, if required to do so, take that child to any designated centre for such immunization.

(2) Sub-regulation (1) shall also apply to a child who is above the age of five years who was not immunized against Hepatitis B or Tetanus.

Offences and penalties

4. A parent or guardian of a child under the age of five years or of a child referred to in regulation 3 (2) who —

- (a) refuses to allow any health team to enter his or her home for the purpose of looking for children to be immunized;
- (b) refuses to allow any health team to immunize his or her child;
- (c) refuses to take his or her child for immunization at any designated centre; or
- (d) in whatever manner, obstructs any health team in the course of the performance of their duties under these Regulations,

shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding P500.00 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both.

Revocation of S.I. No.42 of 2004

5. The Public Health (Prevention of Poliomyelitis) Regulations, 2004, are hereby revoked.

MADE this 27th day of June, 2005.

SHEILA TLOU,
Minister for Health.

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