

# PRESS RELEASE



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### **“CHCC and PSS Host School-Based Immunization Outreach”**

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) and CNMI Public School System (PSS) are conducting a school-based vaccination outreach for children to be brought up to date with recommended immunizations. According to the CHCC Immunization Program, the CNMI immunization coverage for school aged children in SY 2019-2020, more than 800 of our children are at risk of getting a vaccine preventable disease.

The dates and location of the school-based Immunization Outreach is as follows:

Date	School
July 28, 2020	GTC Elementary School & Tanapag Middle School
July 29, 2020	Garapan Elementary School
July 30, 2020	Kobler Elementary School
August 4, 2020	Kobler Elementary School
August 5, 2020	Marianas High School
August 6, 2020	Marianas High School
August 11, 2020	Marianas High School
August 12, 2020	Oleai Elementary School
August 13, 2020	Saipan Southern High School
August 18, 2020	Saipan Southern High School
August 19, 2020	San Vicente Elementary School
August 20, 2020	Dandan Middle School
August 25, 2020	FMS Middle School
August 26, 2020	WSR Elementary School
August 27, 2020	Kagman High School

September 1, 2020	Kagman Elementary School
September 2, 2020	Chacha Middle School
September 3, 2020	Hopwood Middle School

### Who is the Immunization Outreach for?

At this time, this outreach is available for students who need an update with their immunizations and by appointment only.

### Immunization Outreach Appointment Process:

If your child needs an update with recommended immunizations, your child's school will contact you via email if your child needs an updated immunization.

1. Bring your child to the School Outreach Site on the scheduled day.
2. Pay \$5 for a School Health Certificate
  - o Make a payment at the School Outreach Site OR
  - o Make a secured payment online at <https://chcc.gov.mp/immunization.php>
3. Fill out a Health Certificate Authorization Release form to release your child's School Health Certificate to their respective school. Authorization for Health Certificate Release form: [shorturl.at/pDOVX](http://shorturl.at/pDOVX)
4. Children need to be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.
5. The School Health Certificate will be sent directly to your child's school within 7 business days of the appointment. The CHCC Immunization Program will print and provide updated Health Certificates directly to your child's school for their enrollment requirements.

### How can I find out if my child is up to date?

To find out if your child is up to date with their vaccines please call the Immunization Program at 236-8745/2130 or your child's school.

### My child is up to date with vaccines, what if they only need a School Health Certificate?

If your child is up to date and only needs a School Health Certificate, please pay the fee and fill out an authorization form releasing your child's School Health Certificate to their respective school.

- Make a secured payment online at <https://chcc.gov.mp/immunization.php> **AND**
- Fill out the Authorization for Health Certificate Release form here: [shorturl.at/pDOVX](http://shorturl.at/pDOVX)

For frequently asked questions about the immunization outreach, please visit:  
[https://www.chcc.gov.mp/DocumentFiles/immunization\\_13\\_925149679.pdf](https://www.chcc.gov.mp/DocumentFiles/immunization_13_925149679.pdf)

As a reminder, it is essential for everyone in the community to continue to practice good hand-hygiene, wear a face-covering, social distancing, and limit time spent in public places as much as possible.

**Practice the 3 W's - Wash your hands. Watch your distance. Wear a face covering.**

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.
- Practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.
- Wear a face covering. For more information about DIY face coverings, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about which vaccine your child needs from birth to 18 years old please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/schedules/index.html>

The CHCC Immunization Program is located next to the CHCC Dental Clinic on the main Navy Hill campus. The Immunization Program can be contacted at (670) 236-8745, and is open 7:30AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.

For more information about CHCC programs, please follow us on Facebook and Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at [www.chcc.gov.mp](http://www.chcc.gov.mp) or call us at (670) 234-8950.

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Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation &  
CNMI Public School System



# School-based Immunization Outreach

All CNMI Public School System students are required to have an updated Health Certificate every year to register for school.

## Why is the school health certificate important?

It validates your child's health record for vaccination. Vaccines play a very important role in protecting children from bacteria and viruses that cause life threatening diseases. Children's immune systems are not fully developed to fight off bacteria and viruses alone. Without immunizations, these infections could quickly spread especially in places like schools.



The Immunization Program will be conducting school-based outreach vaccination services for children to be brought up to date with recommended immunizations starting July 28, 2020.

## Guidelines for School-based Immunization

Your child's school will contact you via email if your child needs an updated immunization.

1. Bring your child to the scheduled Outreach day.  
Children need to be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.
2. Pay the \$5.00 fee for School Health Certificate.  
Available payment options:
  - Make payment at the School Outreach Site
  - Make payment online via PayPal (secured payment) at <https://chcc.gov.mp/immunization.php>
3. Fill out and submit a Health Certificate Authorization Release Form to release your child's School Health Certificate to their respective school.  Form Link: [shorturl.at/pDOVX](https://shorturl.at/pDOVX)

The authorization form will be emailed to all parents by the school or available at the Immunization Outreach School site, or CHCC.

## To get an updated School Health Certificate:

1. Make \$5 payment for the Health Certificate
2. Fill out and sign the Health Certificate Release Authorization Form.

Form Link: [shorturl.at/pDOVX](https://shorturl.at/pDOVX)



If your child is up to date with vaccines, an updated certificate is still required for the new school year.

**Practice the 3W's:**  
Wash your hands.  
Watch your distance.  
Wear a face covering.



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**IMMUNIZATION OUTREACH  
SCHEDULE**

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>VACCINATION ROOMS (2)</b>	<b>HEALTH CERTIFICATE RENEWAL ROOM (for payments only)</b>
GTC & TMS	July 28, 2020	GTC 1. Cafeteria Main Floor 2. Cafeteria Stage	GTC Library
GES	July 29, 2020	1. Cafeteria North End 2. Cafeteria South End	M102
KES	July 30, 2020 August 4, 2020	1. A2 2. C1	Stage
MHS	August 5, 2020 August 6, 2020 August 11, 2020	School Library	School Library
OES	August 12, 2020	1. Room 3 2. Room 8	Room 2
SSHS	August 13, 2020 August 18, 2020	Cafeteria	Office Conference Room
SVS	August 19, 2020	Cafeteria	Cafeteria
DMS	August 20, 2020	1. C9 2. C10	Library
FMS	August 25, 2020	1. Library 2. Main Office (VP)	Main Office
WSR	August 26, 2020	1. F2 2. F3	Main Office
KHS	August 27, 2020	1. L-106 2. L-105	Main Office
KAG	September 1, 2020	1. Library 2. Computer Lab	Main Office/Nurse Office
CHA	September 2, 2020	1. B-101 2. B-102	A-102
HMS	September 3, 2020	Cafeteria	Library