



GIS Immunization Policy

The Center of Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) along with the Thai Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialist recommend that children receive immunizations against certain communicable diseases. In accordance with these recommendations, GIS has established the following immunization policy.

All new or returning students including ESD must provide documentation of immunization (photocopy of immunization records, certificate of immunizations or written documentation from a physician or hospital) or submit satisfactory evidence of having begun the process of immunization. **Medical exemptions are allowed with doctor's orders by using GIS form.**

The student may continue to attend school ***as long as the immunization process is being completed in the prescribed manner.*** The student ***will not be allowed*** to attend school if the GIS Required Immunization Schedule is not followed. To resume attendance, medical documentation must be submitted to verify that immunization requirements are being satisfied.

Required Immunizations:

Hepatitis A – 2 doses required. (2nd dose 6 months after the first dose)

Hepatitis B – 3 doses required. (2nd dose 1 month after the first dose; 3rd dose 6 months after the first dose.)

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) – 4 doses with one dose on or after 4th birthday. Booster dose every 10 years. Children > 7 year's old use **Tdap** instead, depending on DTaP given.

Polio – (IPV, injectable or OPV, oral) 3-4 doses with one dose on or after 4th birthday.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) – 2 doses given at 12 months of age with one dose given after 4th birthday.

Varicella – 2 doses required (2nd dose 6 months after the first dose) or documentation of having had the disease.

Japanese B Encephalitis – 2 doses usually required depending on type of vaccine given. This is required to comply with the Thai Ministry of Health regulations; CD Jevax, IMOJEV and IXIARO (2 doses) vaccines are available in Chiang Mai. **If Japanese B Encephalitis vaccine is not available in your area, it can be done after arrival in Thailand prior to starting school.**

Recommended Vaccinations

The following vaccinations are highly recommended by the Thai Infectious Disease Specialists, but are *not required* by GIS for enrollment. These are important for those children as described by the specific indicators for each vaccine.

Influenza

-1 dose done yearly, optional. Recommended for all children, especially those with the following high risk indications: Asthma, allergies, heart conditions.

Pneumococcal (PCV or PPV)

-3 doses given two months apart, before 1 year of age. 4th dose recommended at 2-6 years of age for high risk children with lung or heart conditions, or immunological deficiency.

Haemophilus Influenza B (HIB)

-3 doses given 2 months apart, given between 2-15 months of age.

Meningococcal (MCV4)

-1 dose given between the ages of 11-18

Annual Physical Exam Requirement

All students including ESD are required to have an annual comprehensive physical exam each year. The exam will include complete health history, height, weight, blood pressure, and vision. Any conditions which might affect a child's ability to participate fully in classroom activities, including physical education and sports programs, must be noted. **The GIS Physical Exam form must be used and the physical must be completed within 3 months of admission or re-enrollment.** The form is available from the GIS website or from the nurse's' office. This form must be filled out completely by a licensed physician, and parents are to complete the Health History portion prior to the physical examination so that the physician can review this information at the time of the physical examination. Sports clearance and TB screening are included in this exam.

Tuberculosis (TB) Surveillance Policy for New Enrollments:

All new students are required to submit a current medical report with TB skin test for all new GIS and ESD students within 6 months of application. The chest x-ray or QFT required for who had history of positive TB skin test reaction. Students are required to complete an annual physical which includes physician assessment for any symptoms of TB. TB skin test or chest x-ray or QFT are required **every 3 years for re-enrollment.**

New applicants who live in areas where there is no availability of reliable TB skin testing will be allowed to take the TB skin test after arrival in Chiang Mai, but prior to starting school. Follow up for positive TB skin tests must be done by one of the recommended TB or Chest specialists listed in this policy.(See GIS website to view the complete TB Surveillance Policy.)