

THE HIMACHAL PRADESH VACCINATION RULES, 1973.

HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Notification

Dated Simla-2, the 18th August, 1973.

No. 11-7/69-H & FP.-In exercise of the powers conferred under section 15 of the Himachal Pradesh Vaccination Act, 1968 (Act No. 17 of 1969), the Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to make the following rules :-

1. Short Title.-These rules may be called 'The Himachal Pradesh Vaccination' Rules, 1973.

2. Vaccination Circle.-Each local area shall normally be divided into vaccination circles in the following manner:-

- (i) in the case of rural areas a Development Block,
- (ii) in the case of urban areas a ward or wards comprising of 8population of 40,000 or the whole town if the population is less than 40,000,
- (iii) each circle shall be sub-divided by the Chief Medical Officer into vaccination sub-circles consisting of not more than 10,000 population or sixty villages (which-ever is less) in the rural areas and not more than 10,000 population in the urban areas,
- (iv)each circle and sub-circle shall be under the charge of Superintendent Vaccination and Vaccinators, respectively.

3. Vaccination Station.-Every Vaccinator shall, in consultation with the Village Headman or Lambardar of the village or the Ward Member in the town, select a place (or places) in each village or ward of the town for performing vaccination/inspection and such places shall ordinarily be used to all occasions for this purpose. A list of places shall be submitted by the vaccinator to the Deputy Chief Medical Officer (H)/Medical Officer of Health of the District through the Superintendent, Vaccination of the area. No change in the place/places shall be made by the Vaccinator/Superintendent Vaccination without prior approval of the Deputy Chief Medical Officer (H)/ Medical Officer of Health and public shall be informed ¹[about the change in place/places through Chowkidar of the village Panchayat by beat of drum as also by putting a distinct sign-board announcing such change at a conspicuous place near the public vaccination station by the Medical Officer of Health.]

4. Time of attendance at the vaccination station and residence of Vaccinators.-(i) Vaccination station remain open-

¹ . Subs. for the words “about the change in place/places through the village mark in a conspicuous place near the public vaccination station shall be put up by the Medical Officer of Health of the locality.” Vide Not. No. 11-7/69-H&FW-II, dated 26th April, 1978, published in R.H.P. dated 13.5.1978, p. 446-447.

(a) In summer months (16th April to 15th October) from 6.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. and from 6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

(b) In the winter months (16th October to 15th April) from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 3.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

(ii) Every vaccinator, in the rural areas shall reside within the vaccination sub-circle to which he is appointed and in the urban areas attend at his vaccination station daily except on Sunday or gazetted holidays during the appointed hours.

5. Vaccination Fees.-No fee or remuneration shall be accepted by the public vaccinator for any vaccination or revaccination performed at the vaccination station or for any certificate given under the Act.

6. Visits of the Vaccination staff.-Every vaccinator in the rural areas shall visit at least thrice in a year each village in his sub-circle to afford adequate protection against smallpox to the people of such sub-circle. He shall visit the village/villages as many times as necessary to complete the vaccination/inspection of the results of vaccination operations done therein. The vaccinator shall inform the village Headman (Lambardar) well in advance, about the date of his visit to the village so that the village Headman (Lambardar) should inform the public about the vaccination/inspection.

The Superintendent Vaccination shall check the work of each Vaccinator once in a month and the Assistant Unit Officer should check the work of each vaccinator twice a year at least. The Superintendent, Vaccination shall also tackle all the refused cases of the preceding month and also take action in accordance with sections 13 and 14 of the Act.

7. Appointment of Vaccination staff.-(i) Each Chief District Medical Officer of the District, Municipal Committee, N.A.C., S.T.C. and Cantonment Board shall appoint one Superintendent Vaccination for each circle and one Vaccinator for each Sub-circle.

(ii) Each urban local body or Development Block with a population of more than 40,000 shall appoint an additional Superintendent Vaccination for every 40,000 population and one Vaccinator for every 10,000 population or fraction thereof.

(iii) Every Vaccinator and Superintendent Vaccination shall wear on the breast a distinguishing badge with the word "Public Vaccinator,----- (Name of Sub-circle)" or, Superintendent Vaccination,----- (Name of Circle)" as the case may be, inscribed on it.

(iv) All the Vaccinators shall wear on the breast a badge while on duty as approved by the State Government and they will keep an identity card.

8. Authority competent to regulate the appointment, suspension and dismissal of Vaccination Staff.-(i) The local authority employing the vaccination staff shall be competent to regulate their appointment and punishment including suspension and dismissal and they shall work under the orders of the Deputy Chief Medical Officer (Health)/Medical Officer of Health of the area.

(ii) The appointment and punishment of the vaccination staff will be subject to the concurrence of the Deputy Chief Medical Officer (Health)/ Medical Officer of Health or the Medical Officer of Health of the local bodies.

(iii) The appellate authority will be the Head of Department of the Health and Family Planning or local bodies.

(iv) The pay scale of the vaccination staff will be fixed by the Government from time to time.

9. Qualification of Vaccinators and Superintendent Vaccination.-No person shall be appointed to a post of Vaccinator, unless he has passed a course of instruction in the technique of vaccination and elementary hygiene approved by the Director of Health Services.

(ii) No person shall be appointed to a post of Superintendent Vaccination unless he has passed the examination prescribed for Sanitary Inspectors to cross the efficiency bar or has 10 years experience as Vaccinator and has also passed Higher Secondary Examination or its equivalent from recognised University/Board.

10. Private Vaccinators.-(i) No person who is not licenced by the State Government shall act as a private vaccinator or shall perform the operation of vaccination on any individual in the State.

- (ii) (a) The licensed private practitioner shall perform vaccination work under the orders and subject to the control of the Deputy Chief Medical Officer (H)/Medical Officer of Health of the area concerned.
- (b) He must be registered with the Medical Officer of Health/Deputy Chief Medical Officer (H) of the locality.
- (c) He must obtain his smallpox vaccine from or through the Medical Officer of Health/Deputy Chief Medical Officer of the locality.
- (d) He must periodically submit the list of persons vaccinated by him with their result and vaccine batch No. etc. to the Medical Officer of Health/ Deputy Chief Medical Officer (H) on the proforma prescribed by him.

11. Facilities for procuring vaccination at private House and fee payable to the public vaccinator.-Persons desirous of procuring primary vaccination or re-vaccination of their children or adult members of their families or their relative at their own houses shall intimate this fact to the vaccinator, who shall arrange with the applicant to perform the vaccination at the house, and a minimum fee of Re. 1 shall be payable to the public vaccinator. Provided that if more than four persons or above are vaccinated at the same time shall not demand a fee of more than Rs. 3.

12. Fee chargeable by the Private Vaccinator at his place of business and at the house of the person.-Persons licenced by the Government to act as private vaccinators shall in no case demand a fee higher than 0.50 paise (fifty

paise only) for a single person vaccinated and not more than three rupees for six or more persons of the same family if the vaccination is done at the place of their business at the same time. They shall not charge a fee of more than rupee one for a single person vaccinated and rupees three for three or more persons of the same family vaccinated at the same time in the same house if vaccination is performed at a place other than the private vaccination station.

13. Nature of smallpox vaccine to be used.-Smallpox vaccine obtained from the Government Vaccine Institute of any State or from the D.G.H.S., New Delhi shall ordinarily be used in the performance of vaccination.

14. The grant and form of certificates as successful vaccination and of unfitness for vaccination.-(i) Whenever it is ascertained that a child has been successfully vaccinated, a certificate if demanded shall be granted by the vaccinator to the parents/guardian of the child in form I attached to these rules.

(ii) In the same manner whenever it is ascertained that a child is unfit for vaccination or is not susceptible to successful vaccination a certificate in form No. II in the former case and in form No. III in the latter case (attached to these rules) shall be granted to the parents/guardian of such a child by the vaccinator and Superintendent Vaccination, respectively.

(iii) In every case the grant of certificate will be free of charge.

15. Preparation and keeping of registers by the Medical Officer, Health. Deputy Chief Medical Officer {Health}.-The Medical Officer (Health)/Chief Medical Officer (Health) of the area concerned shall cause to be maintained by the A.U.C., a register for each circle showing the vaccinal status and the vaccination index of each village or ward in the circle and register showing the delivery of certificates.

The preparation of such registers shall be effected from the reports submitted by the vaccination staff or copied out from the registers maintained by them.

16. Registers to be kept by the vaccinators and Superintendent Vaccination.-Every Superintendent Vaccination and Vaccinator shall keep registers in the form A, Band C detailed below :-

Register 'A' showing

- (i) Name, parentage, date of birth, caste and residence, etc., of each newly born child liable to be vaccinated.
- (ii) Date of operation and number of scars given.
- (iii) Date of inspection after vaccination.
- (iv) Result whether successful or unsuccessful with number of successful scars.
- (v) Date of second operation, if first is unsuccessful.

- (vi) Date of inspection after second operation.
- (vii) Result whether successful or unsuccessful with number of successful scars.
- (viii) Date of third operation if first and second unsuccessful.
- (ix) Date of inspection after third operation.
- (x) Result whether successful or unsuccessful with number of successful scars.

Register 'B' showing

- (i) Name, parentage, date of birth, caste and residence of children from 5-13 years liable to be vaccinated for the first and second time.
- (ii) Date of first re-vaccination.
- (iii) Result of first re-vaccination with date of inspection and number of successful scars.
- (iv) Date of second re-vaccination.
- (v) Result of second re-vaccination with date of inspection and number of successful scars.

Register 'C' showing

The names with all detailed particulars of unprotected emigrant and immigrant children under the age of 13 years and action taken in this regard.

17. Preparation of vaccination report and retort.-Every Superintendent Vaccination or Vaccinator shall prepare after the end of each month a report on the general result of vaccination operations carried out during the preceding month and shall submit the same through the A.V.O. to the Medical Officer. Health/Deputy Chief Medical Officer (Health) of the local area concerned together with return showing:-

- (a) Number of males and females vaccinated during the month;
- (b) Number of primary and re-vaccination done according to the following age-groups .
 - (i) under 1 year.
 - (ii) 1-4 years.
 - (iii) 5-14 years.
 - (iv) 15-29 years.
 - (v) 30 and above.
 - (vi) Total all age groups.

(c) Results.

- (i) number of successful.
- (ii) number of unsuccessful.
- (iii) number of unsusceptible.
- (iv) Vaccination index of each village or ward in which vaccination was carried out during the month.

18. Besides the reports/registers required to be maintained under rules 15-17 above, the Medical Officer Health/Chief Medical Officer (Health) and vaccination staff shall maintain other administrative reports/ records, registers, etc., under the relevant rules and instructions given by the Deputy Assistant Director of Health Services (Smallpox), Himachal Pradesh on behalf of the Director of Health Services, Himachal Pradesh, shall be followed by the vaccination staff.

FORM I**(Referred to in Rule 14)****HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING DEPARTMENT, -----****DISTRICT, HIMACHAL PRADESH****Certificate of Successful Vaccination**

I,-----,Superintendent Vaccination / Vaccinator do hereby certify that-----,son/daughter of-----
 -- , resident of-----was vaccinated on the (date) and that after due inspection I am satisfied that the vaccination has been successful.

Dated----- (Signature),
 Superintendent Vaccination/Vaccinator,
 Name in capital words----
 -----Circle/Sub-Circle.

FORM II**(Referred to in Rule 14)****\HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING DEPARTMENT,-----****DISTRICT****Certificate of Unfitness for Vaccination**

I,-----Superintendent, Vaccination/Vaccinator do hereby certify that in my opinion------(Name of the child), son/daughter of-----
 ---, resident of-----is in a state unfit for vaccination and that such unfitness shall continue during the whole part of the current vaccination season.

Dated-----

(Signature),
Superintendent Vaccination/Vaccinator,
Name in capital words-----
-----Circle/Sub-Circle.

FORM III

(Referred to in Rule 14)

HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING DEPARTMENT,-----

DISTRICT, HIMACHAL PRADESH

Certificate of unsusceptibility of successful vaccination

I,-----do hereby certify that-----,

son/daughter of -----, resident of has been unsuccessfully vaccinated three times and that in my opinion he/she is unsusceptible to vaccination.

Dated-----

(Signature),
Superintendent Vaccination.
Name in capital words----
Name of Circle-----

(R.H.P., dated 8th September, 1973, p. 1356-1358).
