

Vaccination: a crucial step for permit holders.

Introduction

- Permit holders are vital to our community in Aruba and bear responsibility.
- Vaccination is strongly emphasized as essential for fulfilling this responsibility.

Vaccination Recommendation

- Applicants who have not been vaccinated are recommended to consider the following basic vaccinations: Hepatitis B, DKTP-HiB (diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, Haemophilus influenzae type B), pneumococcal, and MMR (mumps, measles, rubella).
- This recommendation is based on the already high vaccination levels in Aruba and our endeavor to maintain it.

Importance of Vaccination for Permit Holders

1. **Community Protection:** Vaccination protects both individuals and those with whom permit holders come into contact.
2. **Continuity of Services and Economic Activities:** Reduced disease risk contributes to uninterrupted service and economic activity.
3. **Trust and Credibility:** Willingness to vaccinate demonstrates commitment to the health and safety of others.

Facts about Vaccination

- **Safety:** Vaccines undergo extensive testing for safety and effectiveness by health authorities.
- **Protection against Severe Diseases:** Besides reducing infection risk, vaccines also prevent severe illnesses and alleviate symptoms' severity.
- **Herd Immunity:** A high vaccination rate in the community safeguards even those who are not vaccinated.

Practical Information

Permit applicants and holders can schedule a vaccination appointment at the Infectious Diseases Department under the Department of Public Health Aruba. This can be done via phone at 5224241 or 5224239, or through email at admindbz@dvg.aw. The address is Avicenastraat 1 in Oranjestad, Aruba.

Conclusion

Maintaining a high vaccination level is crucial in Aruba. Permit holders play a key role by actively participating in vaccination efforts, contributing to a more resilient, healthier, and more cohesive society.