



**PPS-PIDSP Joint Statement on  
Resumption of Immunization Services  
During COVID-19 Pandemic  
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The Philippine Pediatric Society (PPS) and the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society of the Philippines (PIDSP) released its guidelines on *Vaccination During the COVID-19 Pandemic* last March 29, 2020. Consistent with these recommendations which serve to reinforce the value of immunization and resumption of immunization services to avert vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks during the COVID-19 pandemic, we highlight the importance of weighing the benefits versus risks in any given situation where vaccination is to be conducted.

We reiterate the value of rigorously adhering to the following:

1. Strict infection control practices with emphasis on hand hygiene and droplet precautions;
2. Basic immunization principles;
3. Vaccine storage and handling, maintaining cold chain (temperature of 2°C - 8°C) at all times;
4. Monitoring, prompt management, and reporting of adverse events following immunization (AEFI) to proper authorities (<https://www.doh.gov.ph/node/9933>).

The recommendations were formulated to guide our fellow pediatricians and these can be accessed through our official webpages, **[pps.org.ph](http://pps.org.ph)** and **[pidsphil.org.ph](http://pidsphil.org.ph)** respectively.

As we adapt to the new normal, the PPS and PIDSP acknowledge and respect that the ultimate decision of where and how to conduct immunization is based on the physicians' best judgement, keeping in mind that their health and safety as health care providers and of their patients are of utmost importance.