

# Vaccination coverage standard

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## Key points

- The standard applies to all operational settings, including both camp and non-camp situations.
- As you prepare a mass vaccination campaign against measles and polio, plan in parallel to restore or set up the EPI (expanded programme on immunization), in coordination with national authorities.

## 1. Overview

When populations are displaced, establish a system to ensure that at least 95% of new arrivals in a camp or community who are aged between 6 months and 15 years receive vaccination against measles and polio or as guided by the epidemiological and in consultation with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and WHO/UNICEF. Vitamin A should be administered under the same programme to children aged between 6 and 59 months.

## 2. Main guidance

### Emergency standard

At completion of the polio and measles vaccination campaign:

- At least 95% of children aged between 0/6 months and 15 years have received polio and measles vaccinations.
- At least 95% of children aged between 6 and 59 months have received an appropriate dose of Vitamin A.

## Longer-term standard

The above standards apply to both emergencies and long-term situations. In addition:

- Once routine immunization services (EPI) have been established, at least 90% of children aged between 0 and 12 months have received 3 doses of either (a) DPT or (b) Pentavalent vaccine (depending on which serves as a proxy indicator for full immunization coverage).

## 3. Links

[The Sphere Handbook UNHCR Public Health iRHIS](#)

## 4. Main contacts

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