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# VACCINE POINTS

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“Vaccine Points” is a bi-monthly communication distributed by the Hawaii Department of Health to all participating Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers.

Test your vaccine knowledge.

Question: A tuberculin skin test (TST) can be performed at the same visit during which MMR vaccine is administered or at any visit after, but should not be administered before administration of MMR vaccine.

- A) True
- B) False

A TST can be performed before or at the same visit during which live-virus vaccines are administered, but testing should be deferred at least 4 weeks (the 2012 Red Book recommends at least 6 weeks) after administration of measles-containing vaccine because the vaccine temporarily can suppress tuberculin sensitivity. The effect of live-virus varicella, mumps, rubella, yellow fever, and live-attenuated influenza vaccines on TST reactivity is not known. In the absence of data, the same spacing recommendation for TST should be applied to these vaccines as is described for measles, which means waiting at least 4 - 6 weeks after administration of vaccine before testing.

Answer: B) False

