
VACCINE POINTS

“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:

ACIP recommends age-appropriate administration of MMR vaccine within 72 hours of exposure to prevent which, if any, of the following diseases? Select all that apply.

- a) Measles
- b) Mumps
- c) Rubella
- d) All of the above
- e) None of the above

Answer:
a) Measles

MMR vaccine, if administered within 72 hours of initial measles exposure, might provide some protection or modify the clinical course of measles. Postexposure MMR vaccination does not prevent or alter the clinical severity of rubella or mumps and is not recommended.

Although receiving the MMR vaccine after exposure to mumps or rubella will not help to prevent disease if the person has already been infected, if the person does not become infected after the exposure, the vaccine may help to protect him/her against future infection.

Source:

MMWR, Prevention of Measles, Rubella, Congenital Rubella Syndrome, and Mumps, June 14, 2013, p. 24.
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/r6204.pdf>

