
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: Which of the following diseases have been eliminated in the United States? Select all that apply.

- a. Diphtheria
- b. Rubella
- c. Mumps
- d. Polio
- e. Measles

Elimination of disease means that indigenous cases no longer occur in a defined geographical area as a result of deliberate efforts. Three diseases have been eliminated in the U.S.: Rubella, Polio, and Measles. Because these diseases can still be imported from outside the country, it is critical to maintain high vaccination rates to ensure sustained transmission of disease does not occur.

Source: Marshall, Gary S. The Vaccine Handbook: A Practical Guide for Clinicians, 5th Edition, pgs 46-47. MMWR Supplements, The Principles of Disease Elimination and Eradication, December 31, 1999. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/su48a7.htm>

Answer: b, d, e

