

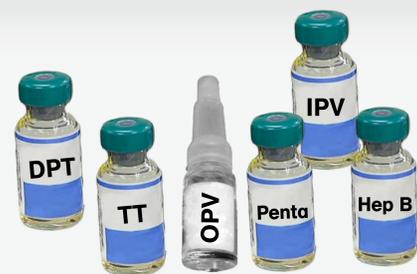
Open Vial Policy



Be Wise!
Get your child
fully immunized

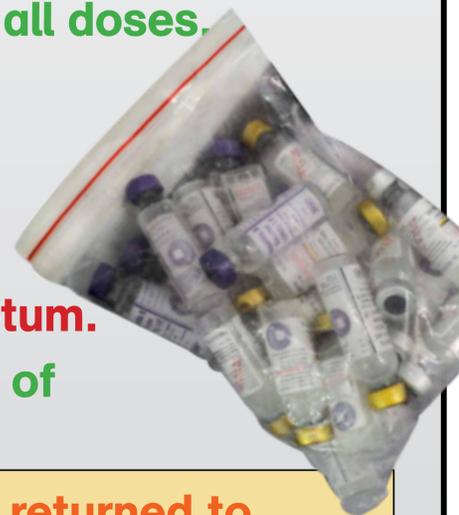
ENSURE SAFETY PRESERVE LIFE

- ✓ Open Vial Policy applies only for DPT, TT, Hepatitis B, Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV), Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV) & Liquid Pentavalent.



- ✗ Does not apply to Measles, BCG, Japanese Encephalitis (JE) vaccines.

- ✓ Vaccine vials opened in session-site can be used in more than one immunization session up to four weeks provided:
- Expiry date has not passed.
 - Vaccines are stored strictly under appropriate temperature range both during transportation & storage at cold chain point.
 - Vaccine vial septum has not submerged in water or contaminated in any way.
 - Aseptic technique has been used to withdraw all doses.
 - Vaccine vial monitor (VVM), has not reached discard point.
- ✗ Open vials should never be submerged in water (e.g. Water accumulated in vaccine carrier) as it increases the risk of contamination of the vial septum.
- ✓ Ensure all open vials have recorded date and time of opening.



- At the end of the session, all open vials should be returned to Cold Chain Point.
- At Cold Chain Point, open vials should be segregated into:
 - Re-usable DPT, TT, Hep B, OPV, IPV and Pentavalent vaccine vials fulfilling the above mentioned criteria.
 - Non-reusable open vials of Measles, BCG & JE
- In case of any AEFI reported, all open vials (usable & non-usable) should not be discarded or used. All open vials should be stored under proper cold chain till investigation is complete.

- ✓ All vials (open or unopened) should be transported in a zipper bag in the vaccine carrier and recorded in the stock register.
- ✓ Well-sealed conditioned ice packs should be used in vaccine carriers and water should not be allowed to accumulate where vaccine vials and diluents are stored.