



KICK POLIO OUT OF KENYA key messages

- Polio vaccination will be offered to all children under five years by health workers from 9th to 13th May 2018. The vaccine will be offered both house to house and in health facilities in Nairobi County.
- Polio is a very serious disease that can paralyze and even cause death. There is no cure, but there are safe and effective vaccines to prevent polio.
- Polio enters the body through water or food that has been contaminated with infected stool. Polio is spread very easily throughout communities. Every child is at risk, and for this reason, all children under the age of five years must be vaccinated.
- Polio disease may present with **fever, fatigue, headache, vomiting, stiffness in the neck, and pain in the limbs**. The disease causes paralysis in some cases, which can be permanent. There is no cure for polio, and it can only be prevented by immunization.
- All vaccines offered by the Ministry of Health are tested, safe and effective. The only way to protect children from this crippling and killer polio disease and other vaccine related diseases is by vaccinating our children each and every time.
- Receive the polio vaccine during the campaign every time it is offered, and make sure your child receives all the scheduled childhood vaccines at the health facility.
- Observe and report to the nearest health facility or health worker any sudden paralysis (weakness of arms or legs or both) in children under 15 years of age who have not been injured.
- Members of the public are requested that during the campaign period, to allow health workers in marking the child's finger and door after vaccinating children at home.
- Marking a vaccinated child's finger and house door is crucial to ensure that all children and houses are visited during the five day exercise. You are requested to report any child aged less than five years who have not been vaccinated by checking for a marked finger during this campaign period.

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