



ST. HELENA

## CHAPTER 61

# VACCINATION ORDINANCE

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Ordinance 6 of 1854 .. in force 7 December 1854

Amended by Ord. 4 of 1935

Amended by L.N. 4 of 1967

Amended by L.N. 26 of 2009

No Subsidiary Legislation has been made under this Ordinance.

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### VACCINATION ORDINANCE

*(Ordinances 6 of 1854, 4 of 1935 and Legal Notices 4 of 1967 and 26 of 2009)*

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE VACCINATION OF NEW-BORN CHILDREN.

#### **Commencement**

*[7 December 1854]*

#### **Short title**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Vaccination Ordinance.

#### **Vaccination centres to be established**

2.<sup>2</sup> A Council Committee may appoint convenient places for the performance of vaccination, and shall take the most effectual measures for giving from time to time to all persons resident in St. Helena, due notice of the days and hours at which, the Chief Medical Officer, or the medical officer or practitioner appointed for that purpose, will attend at any such place to vaccinate all persons who may then appear there, and of the days and hours at which he, or such other medical officer or practitioner, will attend at any such place to inspect the progress of such vaccination in the person so vaccinated.

#### **Every child to be vaccinated**

3. The father or mother of every child born in St. Helena, shall, within three calendar months after the birth of the said child or, in the event of the death, illness, absence or inability of the father or mother, then the person who shall have the care, nurture or custody of the said child, shall within four months after the birth of the said child take or cause to be taken the said child to the Chief Medical Officer or other medical officer or practitioner appointed as aforesaid for the purpose of being vaccinated, unless such child shall have been previously

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<sup>2</sup> Section 2 amended by L.N. 4/1967 and L.N. 26 of 2009

vaccinated by some duly qualified medical practitioner and the vaccination duly certified, and the said Chief Medical Officer or medical officer or practitioner so appointed shall, and he is hereby required thereupon or as soon after as it may conveniently and properly be done, to vaccinate the said child.

#### **Child to be medically examined 8 days after vaccination**

4. Upon the eighth day following the day on which any child has been vaccinated as aforesaid, the father or mother or other person having the care, nurture or custody of the said child, shall again take, or cause to be taken, the said child to the Chief Medical Officer or the medical officer or practitioner appointed as aforesaid by whom the operation was performed, in order that the result of such operation may be ascertained by inspection.

#### **Certificate of vaccination to be given**

5. Upon and immediately after the successful vaccination of any child as aforesaid the Chief Medical Officer or the medical officer or practitioner aforesaid who shall have performed the operation shall deliver to the father or mother of the said child or to the person who shall have the care, nurture or custody of the said child a certificate under his hand that the said child has been successfully vaccinated, and shall transmit a duplicate of the said certificate to the Registrar of Births and Deaths in St. Helena. Such certificate shall, without further proof, be admissible evidence of the successful vaccination of such child in any information or complaint which shall be brought against the father or mother of the said child or against the person who shall have had the care, nurture or custody of such child as aforesaid for non-compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

#### **Registrar to give notice to parent of unvaccinated child**

6. (1) The Registrar of births and deaths shall, on or within seven days after the registration of the birth of any child not already vaccinated within St. Helena, give notice in writing to the father or mother of such child or, in the event of the death, illness, absence or inability from sickness or otherwise of the father or mother then to the person upon whom the care, nurture or custody of such child shall have devolved, that it is the duty of such father or mother or person having the care, nurture or custody of such child as aforesaid to take care that the said child shall be vaccinated in the manner directed by this Ordinance, and shall therewith deliver to such person a notice of the days, hours, and places at which the Chief Medical Officer, or medical officer or practitioner as hereinbefore provided, will attend for the purpose of vaccination.

(2) If after such notice the father or mother of the said child or the person so having as aforesaid the care, nurture or custody of the said child shall not cause such child to be vaccinated, or shall not on the eighth day after the vaccination has been performed take or cause to be taken such child for inspection according to the provisions of this Ordinance, then such father or mother or person having the care, nurture or custody of such child as aforesaid, so offending shall forfeit a sum not exceeding 50 pence.

#### **Chief Medical Officer not to demand fees**

7. No fee or reward shall be demanded by or payable to the Chief Medical Officer, or the medical officer or practitioner appointed for that purpose, for or on account of any person vaccinated as aforesaid.