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Introduction of Live JE Vaccine in Sri Lanka

JE immunization programme has not been carried out by the Ministry of Health in 2007 & 2008 due to problems related to the non availability of inactivated JE. As an alternative after a clinical trial carried out in Sri Lanka, the advisory committee on communicable diseases has recommended replacement of inactivated JE vaccine with Live Attenuated JEV.

As such based on these recommendations, Ministry of Health intends to restart the vaccination programme against JE with effect from 1st of July, 2008 as an initial step in Districts where JE immunization programs were carried out previously. All relevant officers are hereby requested to recommence JE vaccination programme from the above mentioned date. Please strictly adhere to the "Guidelines on Introduction of JE Live Vaccine" issued by the Epidemiology Unit of the Ministry of Health.

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