

**High Commission of India
Islamabad**

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**ORAL POLIO VACCINATION REQUIREMENT
FOR TRAVEL TO INDIA**

The deadline for all travelers from Pakistan to India to obtain polio vaccination and certificate has been extended to February 14th, 2014.

As informed earlier, all persons - adults and children - traveling to India from Pakistan are required to obtain Oral Polio Vaccination (OPV) **at least six weeks prior to their departure to India**, but not more than one year before such departure. Travelers from Pakistan to India after January 30, 2014 are required to carry their vaccination record as evidence of Polio Vaccination will be requested for entry into India thereafter. Record for administering OPV may be obtained from an authorized medical centre in the format laid out in the World Health Organization's International Health Regulations 2005 International Certification of Vaccination (<http://who.int/ihr/IVC-06-26.pdf>). The format of the certificate required is also displayed at the website of the High Commission of India (www.india.org.pk).

Once administered OPV remains effective for one year, after which vaccination should be taken again.

The step is being taken to safeguard India's polio-free status attained after sustained after efforts and large investment. It is applicable to all travelers from all countries where polio disease is endemic or where cases of polio are reported. It is also applicable to Indian nationals traveling to and from these countries.