

# ECDC public consultation on working document on potential introduction of varicella vaccination

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The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) has prepared a preliminary guidance on 'Varicella vaccine in the European Union [1] and has opened a public consultation on the document and the issue.

Evidence points to varicella vaccines being highly immunogenic, efficacious and safe but the recommendation to vaccinate varies across Europe. Those countries that have universal varicella vaccination have seen a reduction in varicella cases, complications, associated hospitalisation and deaths in all age groups, both in vaccinated and in unvaccinated individuals.

The deadline for submissions is 23 May 2014 and further details can be found [here](#).

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