

人類豬型流感疫苗接種計劃

Human Swine Influenza Vaccination Programme



Elderly persons aged 65 years or above

1. What is Human Swine Influenza Vaccination Programme?

Starting from December 2009, the Hong Kong Government conducts the Human Swine Influenza Vaccination Programme to provide free/subsidised human swine influenza (HSI) vaccine to five target groups as follows:

- healthcare workers
- persons with chronic illnesses and pregnant women
- children between the age of 6 months and less than 6 years
- elderly persons aged 65 years or above; and
- pig farmers and pig-slaughtering industry personnel.

2. Am I eligible for Human Swine Influenza Vaccination Programme?

Elders who are Hong Kong residents aged 65 or above this year.

3. Why should elderly persons aged 65 years or above get HSI vaccination?

Vaccination is one of the effective ways to prevent HSI and its serious complications.

Elderly persons are at higher risk of developing serious complication when infected. Vaccination will reduce the chance of hospitalisation and death due to the infection, therefore the Scientific Committees of Centre for Health Protection recommend elderly persons aged 65 years or above to receive vaccination as soon as possible.

4. When should I receive the human swine influenza vaccination?

Vaccination usually takes about two weeks for immunity to develop in the body and provide protection against the HSI virus. To ensure earlier protection against the virus, you are advised to get vaccinated soon. HSI vaccine can be administered at the same time as the seasonal influenza shot and/or other vaccines, but the vaccines should be administered at different injection sites.

5. What are the recommended doses for the use of human swine influenza vaccine?

Persons aged 9 or above require one dose of human swine influenza vaccine.

6. Where can I get human swine influenza vaccination?

Elderly persons with chronic illnesses follow-up in public sector can get vaccination at the follow-up clinic in Hospital Authority (HA) or Department of Health (DH). Members of DH Elderly Health Centres can get vaccination at DH Elderly Health Centres. Other elders can get vaccination from Human Swine Influenza Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (HSIVSS) enrolled doctors or at HA General Outpatient Clinics (GOPCs).

****Elderly persons who are not being followed up at HA can get vaccinated at any HA GOPCs except those operating as Designated Flu Clinic (DFC).**

7. Do I need to pay any fee?

For target groups with Hong Kong resident status getting vaccination from a private doctor enrolled in HSIIVSS, the doctor may charge a vaccination service fee after deducting the Government subsidy of \$129. Enrolled doctors are required to display logos (see below) and their fees charged on a poster in the clinic waiting area. Also, Centre for Health Protection website www.chp.gov.hk will list the names of private doctors enrolled in HSIIVSS and the fees charged by them. The target groups do not have to pay if they choose to get vaccination at public clinics.



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8. What kinds of documents are accepted as a documentary proof for Hong Kong resident status for the elders?

Hong Kong Identify Card and Certificate of Exemption are both accepted as a documentary proof for Hong Kong resident status for the elders.

9. I will be 65 years old in December 2010. Am I eligible?

Elders who are Hong Kong residents aged 65 years or above in the year 2010 are eligible starting January 2010.

10. I do not belong to the target groups. Where can I get HSI vaccination?

If you do not belong to the target groups and wish to get HSI vaccine, you may visit a private doctor enrolled in HSIIVSS and pay the full cost accordingly. The Government will not provide subsidy.

Steps to take for getting the HSI vaccination

1. Check if you belong to one of the target groups
2. Consult your attending doctor about the vaccination and arrangements. Then according to the doctor's advice and your personal choice, select a public clinic or a private doctor enrolled in HSIVSS to get the vaccination
3. On the day of vaccination, please bring along the relevant approval documents:
 - Hong Kong Identity Card or other valid document as proof of Hong Kong resident status
 - All vaccination cards
4. To show your understanding about the vaccination, fill in the consent to get vaccine and /or use vaccination subsidy. The consent form can be obtained from relevant clinics, downloaded from the CHP website www.chp.gov.hk or through fax (2833 0111).
5. If you are using the HSIVSS, staff in the private clinic will open an eHealth account for you; or check yours eHealth account through the eHealth System.
6. After getting vaccinated, remember to keep your vaccination record properly.

For more information, please visit the Centre for Health protection website www.chp.gov.hk, dial 2833 0111 to listen to the related information, or call 21252125 for enquiry.

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