

人類豬型流感疫苗接種計劃

Human Swine Influenza Vaccination Programme



Healthcare workers

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. Why should healthcare workers get HSI vaccination?

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

Risk of infection is unavoidable when having contact with and taking care of patients. Vaccination helps to protect healthcare workers from infection and also decrease the risk of transmitting the virus to vulnerable patients, therefore the Scientific Committees of Centre for Health Protection recommend healthcare workers to receive vaccination as soon as possible.

3. I work in a private doctor clinic but I am not a medical staff, am I eligible?

Yes, those who provide direct patient care in clinics of medical practitioners / Chinese medicine practitioners / dentists are eligible. If your clinic's doctor has already enrolled in Human Swine Influenza Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (HSIVSS), you can get vaccinated at your clinic. If not, you should get a referral letter from your clinic's doctor to certify your health care worker status, in order to get human swine influenza vaccination at any of the designated General Outpatient Clinics under Hospital Authority.

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?

- If you are working in the Department of Health, Hospital Authority, private hospitals, government departments, Residential Care Homes for the Elderly or for the Disabled, as well as clinics of private doctors enrolled in HSI/VSS, vaccination will be arranged by your own organisation.
- Statutorily registered healthcare professional will receive an invitation letter from the Department of Health. Please bring the referral letter to get human swine influenza vaccination at any of the designated General Outpatient Clinics under Hospital Authority.
- If you do not belong to the above two groups but you provide patient care in private clinics, your clinic's doctor, Chinese medicine practitioner or dentist in charge will certify your eligibility by completing and stamping on a referral letter which you bring to any of the designated General Outpatient Clinics under Hospital Authority for free vaccination.

7. Will all healthcare workers receive a letter from the Department of Health for human swine influenza vaccination?

No. Only health care professionals statutorily registered under Boards or Councils and members of selected professional associations will receive an invitation letter from the Department of Health for human swine influenza vaccination. Other healthcare workers who provide patient care in clinics of medical practitioners / Chinese medicine practitioners / dentists will need a referral letter from their clinic's doctor / Chinese medicine practitioner / dentist to certify their health care worker status.

8. Do I need to pay any fee?

The Government will provide free vaccination to all healthcare workers who are residents of Hong Kong.

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

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

Steps to take for getting the HSI vaccination

1. On the day of vaccination, please bring along the relevant approval documents:
 - Hong Kong Identity Card or Certificate of Exemption as proof of Hong Kong resident status
 - All vaccination cards
 - Referral letter from the Department of Health or your clinic
2. To show your understanding about the vaccination, fill in the consent to get vaccination
3. 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 28330111 to listen to the related information, or call 21252125 for enquiry.

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