

# 人類豬型流感疫苗接種計劃

## Human Swine Influenza Vaccination Programme



### Persons with chronic illnesses and pregnant women

#### 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.

\* Persons with chronic illnesses mainly refer to those who have chronic cardiovascular (except hypertension without complication) and lung disease, severe obesity (BMI $\geq$ 30), metabolic or kidney disease, immunodeficiency, chronic neurological condition that can compromise respiratory function, handling of respiratory secretions or that can increase the risk of aspiration, or those who lack the ability to care for themselves, and children and adolescents (aged 6 months to 18 years) on long-term aspirin therapy

#### 2. Why should persons with chronic illnesses and pregnant women get HSI vaccination?

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

Persons with chronic illnesses and pregnant women 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 persons with chronic illnesses and pregnant women to receive vaccination as soon as possible.

#### 3. 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.

#### 4. 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; Children from 6 months to 8 years require 2 doses and the 2 doses should be administered at least 3 weeks apart.

#### 5. Where can I get human swine influenza vaccination?

Persons with chronic illnesses and pregnant women follow-up in public sector can get vaccination at the follow-up clinic in Hospital Authority (HA) or Department of Health (DH). For those who follow-up in private sector, check

if your private doctor is enrolled in Human Swine Influenza Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (HSIVSS). If yes, you can receive subsidised vaccination there. Otherwise, you may choose any enrolled private doctor or go to a HA General Outpatient Clinic (GOPC) \*\* (for chronic patients) or DH Maternal and Child Health Centres (for pregnant women) to get vaccination. Ask your attending doctor to issue a referral letter first if you do not intend to get vaccination from your usual place of care.

\*\* Persons with chronic illnesses who are not being followed up at HA can get vaccinated at any HA GOPCs except those operating as Designated Flu Clinic (DFC).

## 6. Do I need to pay any fee?

For target groups with Hong Kong resident status getting vaccination from a private doctor enrolled in HSIVSS, 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](http://www.chp.gov.hk) will list the names of private doctors enrolled in HSIVSS 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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## 7. What kinds of documents are accepted as a documentary proof for Hong Kong resident status?

For persons aged 11 or above, Hong Kong Identify Card and Certificate of Exemption are both accepted as a documentary proof for Hong Kong resident status.

For children under 11 years old, parents should bring along their child's Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card or Hong Kong Birth Certificate indicating that the holder's Hong Kong permanent resident status "Established".

For children who do not have the above identity documents, the followings can be accepted as proof of Hong Kong resident status include:

- Hong Kong Re-entry Permit;
- Document of Identity for Visa Purposes bearing endorsement showing the holder is permitted to remain in Hong Kong;
- "Permit to Remain in HKSAR" (ID 235B) showing unconditioned stay in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region or that the holder is permitted to remain until a specific date;
- Valid travel document with endorsement showing "the right to land" in Hong Kong; "the holder was permitted to land" in Hong Kong; "previous conditions of stay are hereby cancelled"; holder's eligibility for Hong Kong permanent ID card verified; "Certificate of Entitlement to the right of abode in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region"; unconditional stay in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region had been granted; "permitted to remain until" or "permission to remain extended until" a specific date;
- Certificate issued by the Births and Deaths Registry for adopted children indicating that the holder's permanent resident status "Established".

**8. 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 (please refer to Q1)
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 HSIIVSS to get the vaccination (please refer to Q5)
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
  - For persons with chronic illnesses and pregnant women: referral letter (it helps the healthcare personnel who provides the vaccination to identify your health condition)
4. To show your understanding about the vaccination, fill in the consent to get vaccine and /or use vaccination subsidy. If you ask a representative (e.g. relative, teacher, domestic helper) to take the child to receive the vaccination, you need to fill in and sign the consent prior to visiting the clinic. The consent form can be obtained from relevant clinics, downloaded from the CHP website [www.chp.gov.hk](http://www.chp.gov.hk) or through fax (2833 0111).
5. If you or your child are using the HSIIVSS, staff in the private clinic will open an eHealth account for you or your child; or check yours or your child's 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](http://www.chp.gov.hk), dial 28330111 to listen to the related information, or call 21252125 for enquiry.

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