

人類豬型流感疫苗接種計劃

Human Swine Influenza Vaccination Programme



Pig farmers and pig-slaughtering industry personnel

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 pig farmers and pig-slaughtering industry personnel get HSI vaccination?

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

Vaccination of pig farmers and pig-slaughtering industry personnel would prevent human to pig transmission of the HSI virus as a result of infection, and in turn help reduce the potential risk of genetic reassortment in pig as a mixing vessel, therefore the Scientific Committees of Centre for Health Protection recommend pig farmers and pig-slaughtering industry personnel 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.

5. Where can I get human swine influenza vaccination?

You will receive an invitation letter from a relevant Government department, e.g. Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. Please bring along the stamped referral letter to any one of the designated General Outpatient Clinics under the Hospital Authority.

6. Do I need to pay any fee?

The Government will provide free vaccination to all pig farmers and pig-slaughtering industry personnel

who are residents of Hong Kong.

7. 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 issued by a government department
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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