

Seasonal Influenza Vaccination

for Persons with Intellectual Disability or Disability Allowance Recipients

2017/18



Commence in October/November 2017 (please pay note to announcement)

* If necessary, healthcare workers, parents and caretakers please assist in explaining the information below to persons with intellectual disability or Disability Allowance recipients.

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Why we need flu vaccination?

Vaccination is one of the effective means to prevent flu and its complications.

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Is flu vaccine safe?

Flu vaccine is very safe.

Soreness, redness or swelling may occur at the injection site. Some recipients may experience fever, muscle pain and tiredness after vaccination. Immediate severe allergic reactions like swelling of the lips or tongue and difficulties in breathing are rare and require medical attention immediately. Other severe reactions are very rare.



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Where can Persons with Intellectual Disability (PID) or Disability Allowance (DA) recipients receive seasonal influenza vaccination?

Institutionalised PID or DA recipients are already included in the existing Residential Care Home Vaccination Programme and may receive free vaccination in residential care homes. Community living eligible PID or DA recipients may receive free/subsidised seasonal influenza vaccination through the following channels :

Schemes	Eligible Persons	Vaccination Arrangement
Government Vaccination Programme (Free)	Existing clients of public clinics/ hospitals, who are: 1. PID holding the Registration Card for People with Disabilities (with indication of intellectual disability) [#] ; or 2. persons receiving DA [#]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive free vaccination during their follow-up or stay in hospitals
Residential Care Home Vaccination Programme (Free)	Non-institutionalised PID receiving services in designated day centres, sheltered workshops and special schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive free vaccination inside the centres/ workshops/ schools
Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (Subsidised)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PID holding the Registration Card for People with Disabilities (with indication of intellectual disability) [#] ; or 2. PID holding a certificate certifying the person is eligible for VSS issued by a registered doctor or the person in-charge from the designated institutions serving the PID; or 3. persons receiving DA[#] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive the subsidised vaccination provided by enrolled private doctors • The subsidy for influenza vaccination is \$190 per dose • Doctors may charge extra fee

[#] Please bring along the Registration Card for People with Disability specifying "Intellectual Disability", or the disability allowance approval letter issued by Social Welfare Department (vaccination date should fall within the period of receiving Disability Allowance)

Please bring along vaccination card

Enquiry

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Vaccination Schemes