2025/26 Vaccination Subsidy Scheme

For Private Doctors

July 2025





Today's rundown

- Review of Vaccination Subsidy Scheme 2024/25 and overview of Vaccination Subsidy Scheme 2025/26
- Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme (CDCC) and Development of Primary Healthcare
- Government Vaccine Contract for VSS Doctors enrolled in the Chronic Disease Co-Care Pilot Scheme
- Doctor Enrolment and Ordering Seasonal Influenza Vaccine through Government Contract (Arrangement and IT guides)
- Vaccination Service in Clinic and Non-clinic Setting (workflow and IT guides)
- Vaccine storage requirement for VSS 2025/26
- Clinical Waste Management
- Promotion of Elderly Health Voucher Scheme
- Q&A





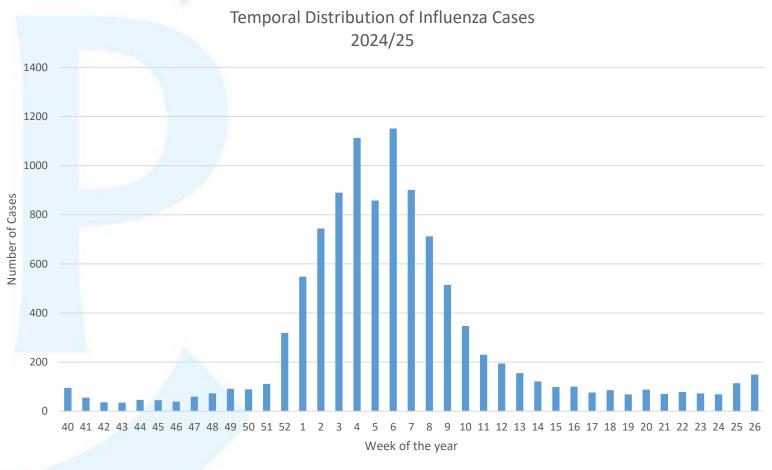
Review of 2024/25





2024/25 flu season

 The season started in last week of 2024 and ended in March 2025







Surveillance of severe influenza cases

- During this influenza season, 488 adult cases of ICU admission/death with laboratory confirmation of influenza were recorded, in which 330 of them were fatal.
- Majority of cases (70% of adult cases/ 89% of fatal cases) were elderly of 65 year old or above.
- Large proportion of cases did not receive the 2024/25 SIV.
- Among the adult fatal cases with available clinical information, about 81% had chronic diseases.

Year	Season	Duration (Week)	Required ICU admission/death adult case	Death adult case
2017/18	Winter	Average of 11 weeks	Average of 438 cases	Average of 280 cases
2018/19	Winter			
2023	April			
2023	Summer			
2023/24	Winter	28 weeks	1152	780
2024/2025	Winter	13 weeks	488	330





Surveillance of severe influenza cases

- During this influenza season, 10 paediatric cases of influenza-associated complication/death were reported, in which four of them were fatal.
- Seven cases had infections with influenza A(H1), one with influenza A(H3), two with influenza B.
- Majority of them (70%) did not receive the 2024/25 SIV.

Year	Season	Duration(Week)	Severe paediatric influenza-associated complication/death case	Paediatric influenza-associated death
2017/18	Winter		1 weeks Average of 16 cases Average of 2 case	A
2018/19	Winter	Average of 11 weeks		
2023	April	Average of 11 weeks		Average of 2 cases
2023	Summer			
2023/24	Winter	28	32	6
2024/25	Winter	13	10	0





Summary of Vaccination Statistics 2024/25 - SIV

Around 2,089,500 doses (+11.8%) administered under different vaccination programmes (record high)

Overall increase of around 54,500 doses (+6.3%) under VSS as compared to same period last year

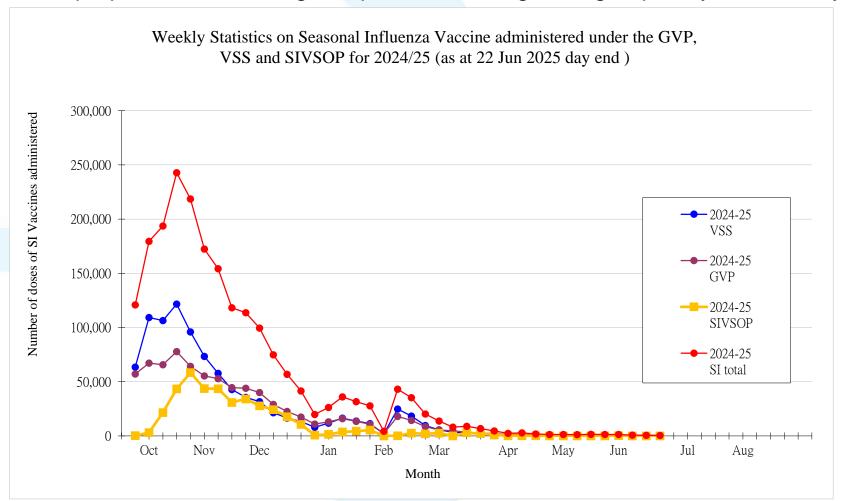
(as at 22 June 2025 day end)





Statistics of SIV 2024/25 – all programmes

To prepare for continuing SIV provision for high risk groups beyond January







Coverage rate of recent 3 yrs by major eligible groups (as at 22 June 2025)

Age group	Coverage in 2022/23	Coverage in 2023/24	Coverage in 2024/25 (Compare in doses with same period in 2023/24)
65 years or above	48.3%	51.5%	51.7% (+5.5%)
50 to 64 years	17.8%	19.2%	25.6% (+33.1%)
6 months to less than 2 years	9.1%	22.1%	28.4% (+19.5%)
2 years to less than 6 years	45.8%	56.3%	63.1% (-2.3%)
6 years to less than 12 years	60.2%	68.0%	73.8% (+3.4%)
12 years to less than 18 years	19.3%	40.9%	56.3% (+42.3%)
Pregnant women	4.1%	9.4%	19.3% (+111.2%)





What we achieved together in 2024/25

- Record high number of SIV doses administered!
- A total of about 2.08 million doses of vaccine was administered under all SIV programmes
 - 11.8% increase compared with same period last year

Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Statistics from 2022/23 to 2024/25, by vaccination programme/schemes







2024/25 PV statistics under various programmes

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Number of PV vaccine [#] recipients (Including GVP, RVP & VSS)	82,000^	115,300*	120,700 ^{&} (as at 22 June 2025)
Cumulative % among elderly population +	41.7%	41.5%	43.8% [@] (as at 28 Feb 2025)

23vPPV , PCV13 & PCV15

- + Refers to the cumulative percentage of surviving elderly, among elderly population, who had received at least a dose of 23vPPV, PCV13 or PCV15 under the programmes.
- ^ Including 39 800 doses of 23vPPV and 42 200 doses of PCV13.
- * Including 56 500 doses of 23vPPV, 50 100 doses of PCV13 and 8 700 doses of PCV15.
- & Including 64 900 doses of 23vPPV, 4 900 doses of PCV13 and 50 900 doses of PCV15





[®] The relevant figures are calculated based on the accumulative number of persons vaccinated (excluding those deceased) as at 28 February 2025.

Overview of 2025/26





SCVPD recommendations for 2025/26

- Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases (SCVPD) – Recommendations on Seasonal Influenza Vaccination For the 2025/26 Season in Hong Kong
- Inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV), live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) and recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV) are recommended for use in Hong Kong
- Both trivalent and quadrivalent vaccines can be used



Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases

Recommendations on Seasonal Influenza Vaccination For the 2025-26 Season in Hong Kong (As of 21 March 2025)

Introduction

Seasonal influenza causes a significant disease burden in Hong Kong. Since 2004, the Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases (SCVPD) reviews the scientific evidence of influenza vaccination and makes recommendations on influenza vaccination in Hong Kong annually. This document sets out the scientific evidence, local data as well as overseas practices, and provides recommendations in relation to seasonal influenza vaccination in Hong Kong for the 2025-26 season.

Summary of Global Influenza Activity

2. According to World Health Organization (WHO)'s updates on seasonal influenza activity published in February 2025, influenza activity was reported in all regions from September 2024 through January 2025, and the overall activity was lower compared to the same period in 2023-2024. The predominating viruses varied among regions and between countries. Globally, influenza A virus detections greatly outnumbered those of influenza B, although the predominating subtype varied across regions. Among the subtyped A virus detections, A(H1N1) viruses were detected more frequently throughout the reporting period in Asia, South America and Northern and South West Europe. Influenza A(H3N2) viruses predominated in Central America and Northern and Western Africa. Eastern Europe and North America reported similar proportions of influenza A(H1N1) and A(H3N2) viruses. Influenza B detections were lower than those of influenza A, and all influenza B



https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/static/24008.html





SCVPD recommendations for 2025-26

Vaccine composition

• Follows the recommendations by the WHO for the 2025-26 Northern Hemisphere influenza season

	Trivalent vaccine	Quadrivalent vaccine	
Egg-based	 A/Victoria/4897/2022 	 A/Victoria/4897/2022 	
vaccines	(H1N1)pdm09-like	(H1N1)pdm09-like virus	
	virus	 A/Croatia/10136RV/2023 	
	 A/Croatia/10136RV/20 	(H3N2)-like virus	
	23 (H3N2)-like virus	 B/Austria/1359417/2021 	
	 B/Austria/1359417/202 	(B/Victoria lineage)-like	
	1 (B/Victoria lineage)-	virus	
	like virus	 B/Phuket/3073/2013 	
		(B/Yamagata lineage)-	
		like virus	
Cell culture or	 A/Wisconsin/67/2022 	 A/Wisconsin/67/2022 	
Recombinant	(H1N1)pdm09-like	(H1N1)pdm09-like virus	
based vaccines	virus	 A/District of 	
	A/District of	Columbia/27/2023	
	Columbia/27/2023	(H3N2)-like virus	
	(H3N2)-like virus	 B/Austria/1359417/2021 	
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	like virus	 B/Phuket/3073/2013 	
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Given B/Yamagata lineage viruses are no longer circulating in the population, both **trivalent** and **quadrivalent** vaccines could be used in 2025-26 season





SCVPD recommendations for 2025-26

Other recommendations

- Priority groups same as 2024-25 season
- Co-administration of SIV and COVID-19 vaccines under informed consent
- Both IIV and RIV are recommended for use in the residential care home setting
- More information: https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/static/24008.html





Launch date

- 25 Sept 2025 (tentative)
- Vaccines vaccinated on or after 25 Sept would be reimbursed





Subsidy level

- \$260 for SIV
- \$400 for 23vPPV
- \$800 for PCV15
- PCV13 no longer applicable





New initiatives of 2025/26 seasonal influenza vaccination

- Extended eligible group: All persons aged 18-49 years with chronic medical problems
- eHealth is mandatory for vaccine recipients aged 18 years old or above
 - eHealth is "opt-out" for vaccine recipients aged below 18 years old





New initiatives of VSS for 2025/26

- IT system migration to eHealth
 - All doctors must register with eHealth
 - Doctors enrollment and subsidy claim make on eHealth
- New requirements on co-payment
 - Two levels of co-payment only: adult and paediatric
 - Doctors need to set maximum co-payment level at enrollment. The copayment level cannot be revised after confirmation of enrollment
 - Vaccine recipients will receive SMS regarding co-payment charged
- Option for VSS doctors who participated CDCC to draw seasonal influenza vaccines (SIV) through Government contract





VSS as an Evolving Public-Private Partnership

- VSS, a public-private-partnership, is one of primary healthcare efforts.
- Starting VSS 2025/26,
 - Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of DH will continue to be the overall administrator of VSS
 - Strategic Purchasing Office (SPO) will coordinate the doctor enrollment and reimbursement
 - Primary Healthcare Commission (PHCC) will take the lead in promoting primary care and family doctors' role



