

# Eligible groups of Government Vaccination Programme (GVP) 2020/21

The GVP 2020/21 provides the following types of free vaccination to eligible Hong Kong residents:

- A) Seasonal influenza vaccination (SIV) to eligible groups; and
- B) Pneumococcal vaccination (PV) to eligible elderly aged 65 years or above.

The GVP 2020/21 launched on 22 October 2020. Various eligible groups were covered by phases (Please refer to the following table for details).

## A) Seasonal Influenza Vaccination (SIV)

Based on the recommendations given by the Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases (SCVPD), the Government provides free SIV to the following eligible groups of GVP in the 2020/21 season.

(Some other persons may be eligible for subsidised SIV via Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS) <sup>Note 1</sup>. Individuals may consult their doctors for the need and details of influenza vaccination.)

&HA GOPCs ceased SIV service from 27 April 2021

Priority groups recommended by SCVPD	Eligible groups for free SIV under GVP 2020/21	Service Providers 2020/21 Provide vaccination service starting from 22 October 2020 (except for those groups with dates specified)
1. Pregnant women	Pregnant women who are Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients or holders of valid Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges (Certificate) <sup>Note 2</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ DH : MCHCs (for existing clients)</li> <li>◆ HA : antenatal clinics (for follow-up patients)</li> </ul>
2. Residents of Residential Care Homes	Residents of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (RCHEs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Visiting Medical Officers (DH will approach RCHEs / RCHDs directly for logistic arrangement)</li> </ul>
	Residents of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (RCHDs)	
3. Persons aged 50 years or above	Persons aged 65 years or above (count by year of birth)	<p>For existing patients/ clients/ members of the designated public clinics :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ HA : GOPCs<sup>&amp;*</sup>, SOPCs</li> <li>◆ DH : EHCs, Chest Clinics, SPP Treatment Centre, PDQA Clinics, Methadone Clinics, Social Hygiene or Dermatological Clinics</li> </ul> <p>For walk-in elderly :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ HA : GOPCs<sup>&amp;*</sup></li> <li>◆ DH : 15 designated EHCs (Annex) (From 2 November 2020)</li> </ul>
	Persons aged 50 years to under 65 (count by year of birth) who are CSSA recipients or valid Certificate <sup>Note 2</sup> holders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ HA : GOPCs<sup>&amp;*</sup></li> </ul>

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4. Persons with chronic medical problems	Persons aged under 65 years (count by year of birth) who are CSSA recipients or valid Certificate <sup>Note 2</sup> holders and have high-risk conditions# and are existing patients/ clients of the designated public clinics	♦ HA : GOPCs <sup>&amp;*</sup> , SOPCs ♦ DH : Chest Clinics, SPP Treatment Centre, PDQA Clinics
	Disability Allowance recipients who are existing patients/ clients of the designated public clinics	♦ HA : GOPCs <sup>&amp;*</sup> , SOPCs, hospitals (for in-patients) ♦ DH : MCHCs, Chest Clinics, SPP Treatment Centre, PDQA Clinics, Social Hygiene or Dermatological Clinics
	Persons aged between 12 to less than 50 who are existing patient/clients of the designated clinics <b>AND</b> are recipients of standard rate of 100% disabled or requiring constant attendance (under CSSA Scheme) <sup>Note 3</sup>	♦ HA : GOPCs <sup>&amp;*</sup> , SOPCs, hospitals (for in-patients) ♦ DH : Chest Clinics, SPP Treatment Centre, PDQA Clinics, Social Hygiene or Dermatological Clinics
	Persons with intellectual disability who are existing patients/ clients of the designated public clinics	♦ HA : GOPCs <sup>&amp;*</sup> , SOPCs, hospitals (for in-patients) ♦ DH : MCHCs, Chest Clinics, SPP Treatment Centre, PDQA Clinics, Social Hygiene or Dermatological Clinics
	Persons with intellectual disability who are existing clients of designated institutions	♦ Visiting Medical Officers (DH will approach designated institutions directly for logistic arrangement)
	Paediatric out-patients: with high-risk conditions# or on long-term aspirin therapy	♦ HA : SOPCs
	In-patients (including paediatric patients) of HA with high-risk conditions# (e.g. those in infirmary, psycho-geriatric, mentally ill or mentally handicapped units/ wards)	♦ HA hospitals
5. Health care workers (HCWs)	HCWs of DH, HA, RCHCs, RCHDs, residential child care centres (RCCCs) or other Government departments	♦ By the respective organisations (DH & HA : from 8 October 2020)
6. Children aged 6 months to under 12 years	Children aged 6 months to under 12 years from families receiving CSSA or holding valid Certificate <sup>Note 2</sup>	
	• 6 months to under 6 years; <b>or</b> aged 6 years or above studying in a kindergarten/ child care centre	♦ DH : MCHCs (clients may contact the MCHCs for appointment)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 years to under 12 years; or aged 12 years or above studying in a primary school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DH : SHSCs (clients may contact Student Health Service Hotline 2856 9133 for enquiries and appointment from 22 October 2020 onwards)</li> </ul>
	Students of schools participating in 2020/21 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vaccination outreach team (by DH or through public-private-partnership)</li> </ul>
7. Poultry workers	Poultry workers or workers who may be involved in poultry-culling operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HA : designated GOPCs<sup>&amp;</sup> (via internal arrangement by respective organisations)</li> <li>DH: designated session, please contact respective organisations for details</li> </ul>
8. Pig farmers or pig-slaughtering industry personnel	Pig farmers or pig-slaughtering industry personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HA : designated GOPCs<sup>&amp;</sup> (via internal arrangement by respective organisations)</li> <li>DH: designated session, please contact respective organisations for details</li> </ul>

\* Eligible Hong Kong residents aged 50 years or above, Disability Allowance recipients, Persons aged between 12 to less than 50 who are recipients of standard rate of 100% disabled or requiring constant attendance (under CSSA Scheme), Persons with intellectual disability can receive subsidised seasonal influenza vaccination from private doctors under Vaccination Subsidy Scheme. Subsidy level of one dose of seasonal influenza vaccine is HK \$240. Doctors may impose extra fees, some doctors may not charge extra fee. For details, please visit the Centre for Health Protection website <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/46107.html>

## **B) Pneumococcal Vaccination (PV)**

Based on SCVPD's recommendations in 2016, since 2017/18, the Government provides the following free PV to Hong Kong residents aged 65 years or above (**count by year of birth**) who are eligible under GVP:

### ● Eligible elderly who **have NOT received PV before**:

- will receive a single dose of 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13) and a single dose of 23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (23vPPV) one year after;

### ● Eligible elderly who **have received PV before**:

- for those who have received 23vPPV before, will receive a mop-up dose of PCV13 one year after the previous dose of 23vPPV; OR
- for those who have received PCV13 before, will receive a mop-up dose of 23vPPV one year after the previous dose of PCV13.

(Other Hong Kong residents aged 65 or above may be eligible for subsidised PV under VSS<sup>Note 1</sup>. They can consult their doctors for the need and details of pneumococcal vaccination.)

Eligible groups for free PV under GVP 2020/21	Service Providers 2020/21
1. Community-living elderly with high-risk conditions# who are existing patients/ clients/ members of the designated public clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ HA : Designated GOPCs, SOPCs</li> <li>◆ DH : EHCs, Chest Clinic, PDQA, SPP Treatment Centre</li> </ul>
2. Community-living elderly who are recipients of CSSA or holders of valid Certificate <sup>Note 2</sup> (with/without high-risk conditions#)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ HA : Designated GOPCs</li> <li>◆ DH : EHCs (for members only)</li> </ul>
3. All residents of residential care homes for the elderly; or elderly residents of residential care homes for the persons with disability (with/without high-risk conditions#)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Visiting Medical Officers (DH will approach RCHEs / RCHDs directly for logistic arrangement)</li> </ul>
4. Elderly in-patients under HA with high-risk conditions# (e.g.in infirmary, psycho-geriatric, mentally ill or mentally handicapped units/ wards)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ HA hospitals</li> </ul>

# Under GVP 2020/21, the **high-risk conditions** for SIV and PV are as follows:

- History of invasive pneumococcal disease, cerebrospinal fluid leakage or cochlear implant;
- Chronic cardiovascular (except hypertension without complications), lung, liver or kidney diseases;
- Metabolic diseases including diabetes mellitus or obesity (Body Mass Index 30 or above);
- Immunocompromised states related to weakened immune system due to conditions such as asplenia, Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection/ Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or cancer/ steroid treatment; and
- Chronic neurological conditions that can compromise respiratory functions or the handling of respiratory secretions, or increase the risk of aspiration, or those who lack the ability to take care of themselves

For SIV, **high-risk conditions** also include:

- Children and adolescents (aged 6 months to 18 years) on long-term aspirin therapy

**Note 1:** The eligible groups for subsidised SIV under VSS 2020/21 are: **Hong Kong residents** who are pregnant women, persons aged 50 years or above, children aged between 6 months and under 12 years or studying in a primary school, persons with intellectual disability, persons receiving Disability Allowance, and persons aged 12 to under 50 who are recipients of standard rate of “100% disabled” or “requiring constant attendance” under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme.

The eligible group for subsidised PV under VSS 2020/21 is: Hong Kong residents aged 65 or above. (For details about VSS, please visit CHP website: <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/17980.html>)

**Note 2:** Certificate = Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges issued by Social Welfare Department (SWD)

**Note 3:** The eligibility of this group can be accepted by clinical staff making reference to the criteria as set out below. In some cases, the CSSA recipient may be required to sign the self-declaration form in DH clinics.

*Clinical staff can make reference to following conditions which are defined as 100% disabled*

A) Disabling Physical Condition

- Loss of function of two limbs
- Loss of functions of both hands or all fingers
- Loss of functions of both feet
- Total loss of sight
- Total paralysis (quadriplegia)
- Paraplegia
- Illness, injury or deformity resulting in being bedridden

- (viii) Profoundly deaf
- (ix) Any other conditions including visceral diseases resulting in total disablement

**B) Disabling Mental Condition**

- (i) Organic brain syndrome
- (ii) Intellectual disability
- (iii) Psychosis
- (iv) Neurosis
- (v) Personality disorder
- (vi) Any other conditions resulting in total disablement

**Other points to note:**

1. Please bring the Hong Kong resident identity document and the vaccination record/ card to receive the vaccination.
2. The following persons should also present their documentary proofs:

<b>Persons</b>	<b>Documentary proof required</b>
Persons holding valid Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges	Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges issued by SWD (vaccination date should fall within the period for waiving medical charges)
Children aged 6 years or above but studying a kindergarten/ child care centre	Student card or student handbook
Children aged 12 years or above but studying in a primary school	
Persons with intellectual disability	The Registration Card for People with Disabilities (with indication of intellectual disability or mentally handicap)
Persons receiving Disability Allowance	Disability Allowance approval letter issued by SWD (vaccination date should fall within the period of receiving Disability Allowance)

For more information about the Government Vaccination Programme, please visit the thematic webpage on Centre for Health Protection website: [http://www.chp.gov.hk/view\\_content.asp?lang=en&info\\_id=17980](http://www.chp.gov.hk/view_content.asp?lang=en&info_id=17980)

For enquiries relating to DH services, please call 2125 2125; for HA services, please call 2300 6555.

Abbreviations for service providers:

DH:	Department of Health
EHCs:	Elderly Health Centres
GOPCs:	General Out-patient Clinics
HA:	Hospital Authority
MCHCs:	Maternal & Child Health Centres
PDQA:	Professional Development and Quality Assurance
SHSCs	Student Health Service Centres
SOPCs:	Specialist Out-patient Clinics
SPP:	Special Preventive Programme

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**15 Elderly Health Centres (EHC)**  
**for Government Vaccination Programme 2020/21**

\* In response to the latest situation of coronavirus disease 2019, services under the Department of Health have been gradually adjusted. Please refer to the website [https://www.elderly.gov.hk/english/contactus/elderly\\_health\\_centres.html](https://www.elderly.gov.hk/english/contactus/elderly_health_centres.html) about latest service arrangement of the Elderly Health Centres.

District	Centre	Address	Telephone
<b>Hong Kong Island</b>	Sai Ying Pun EHC	6/F, Sai Ying Pun Jockey Club Polyclinic, 134 Queen's Road West, H.K.	2817 3418
	Shau Kei Wan EHC	G/F, Shau Kei Wan Jockey Club Clinic, 8 Chai Wan Road, Shau Kei Wan, H.K.	2569 4333
	Aberdeen EHC	LG/F, Block B, Aberdeen Jockey Club Clinic, 10 Aberdeen Reservoir Road, H.K.	2580 3554
	Wan Chai EHC	2/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, H.K.	2591 4847
<b>Kowloon</b>	Kowloon City EHC	G/F., Lions Clubs Health Centre, 80 Hau Wong Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon	2762 8911
	Lam Tin EHC	G/F, Lam Tin Community Complex, 223 Pik Wan Road, Lam Tin, Kowloon	2727 5616
	Nam Shan EHC	G/F, Nam Yiu House, Nam Shan Estate, Shek Kip Mei, Kowloon	2779 5596
	San Po Kong EHC	2/F, Robert Black Health Centre, 600 Prince Edward Road East, San Po Kong, Kowloon	2382 3757
<b>New Territories</b>	Tung Chung EHC	1/F, Block 2, Tung Chung Health Centre, 6 Fu Tung Street, Tung Chung, Lantau Island, N.T.	2109 4711
	Kwai Shing EHC	G/F & 1/F, Shing Wo House, Kwai Shing East Estate, Kwai Yip Street, Kwai Chung, N.T.	2741 2069
	Shek Wu Hui EHC	1/F, Shek Wu Hui Jockey Club Clinic, 108-130 Jockey Club Road, Sheung Shui, N.T.	2672 5858
	Tseung Kwan O EHC	G/F, Tseung Kwan O Jockey Club Clinic, 99 Po Lam Road North, Tseung Kwan O, N.T.	2623 7304
	Lek Yuen EHC	3/F, Lek Yuen Health Centre, 9 Lek Yuen Street, Sha Tin, N.T.	2637 2005
	Tsuen Wan EHC	G/F, Block B, Lady Trench Polyclinic, 213 Sha Tsui Road, Tsuen Wan, N.T.	2408 2267
	Yuen Long EHC	G/F, Madam Yung Fung Shee Health Centre, 26 Sai Ching Street, Yuen Long, N.T.	2470 5982

**Points to note :**

1. Members ----- please bring along Hong Kong Identity Card, vaccination record (if available) and member's booklet and receive vaccination at the attending EHC
2. Non-members ---- please bring along Hong Kong Identity Card, vaccination record (if available), medical records, record of drug allergy, and provide us your telephone number and address