

Eligible groups of Government Vaccination Programme (GVP) 2023/2024

The GVP 2023/24 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 2023/24 will be launched on 5 October 2023. Various eligible groups will be 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 (SCVDP), the Government provides free SIV to the following eligible groups of GVP in the 2023/24 season.

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

Priority groups recommended by SCVDP	Eligible groups for free SIV under GVP 2023/24	Service Providers 2023/24
		Provide vaccination service starting from 5 October 2023 (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) ^{Note 2}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ DH : MCHCs (for existing clients) ◆ HA : antenatal clinics (for follow-up patients)
2. Residents of Residential Care Homes	Residents of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (RCHEs)	◆ Visiting Medical Officers (DH will approach RCHEs / RCHDs directly for logistic arrangement)
	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)	For existing patients/ clients/ members of the designated public clinics : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ HA : SOPCs, selected GOPCs (please click here for details on Hospital Authority designated webpage) ◆ DH : EHCs, Chest Clinics, SPP Treatment Centre, PDQAS Clinics, Methadone Clinics, Social Hygiene or Dermatological Clinics
		For walk-in elderly : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ HA : Selected GOPCs (From 24 October 2023) (please click here for details on Hospital Authority designated webpage) ◆ DH : 14 designated EHCs (Annex 1) (From 24 October 2023)

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	Persons aged 50 years to under 65 (count by year of birth) who are CSSA recipients or valid Certificate ^{Note 2} holders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ HA : Selected GOPCs (please click here for details on Hospital Authority designated webpage)
4. Persons with chronic medical problems	Persons aged under 65 years (count by year of birth) who are CSSA recipients or valid Certificate ^{Note 2} holders and have high-risk conditions# and are existing patients/ clients of the designated public clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ HA : SOPCs, selected GOPCs (please click here for details on Hospital Authority designated webpage) ◆ DH : Chest Clinics, SPP Treatment Centre, PDQAS Clinics
	Disability Allowance recipients who are existing patients/ clients of the designated public clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ HA : SOPCs, hospitals (for in- patients), selected GOPCs (please click here for details on Hospital Authority designated webpage) ◆ DH : MCHCs, Chest Clinics, SPP Treatment Centre, PDQAS Clinics, Social Hygiene or Dermatological Clinics
	Persons aged between 18 to less than 50 who are existing patient/clients of the designated clinics AND are recipients of standard rate of 100% disabled or requiring constant attendance (under CSSA Scheme) ^{Note 3}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ HA : SOPCs, hospitals (for in- patients), selected GOPCs (please click here for details on Hospital Authority designated webpage) ◆ DH : Chest Clinics, SPP Treatment Centre, PDQAS Clinics, Social Hygiene or Dermatological Clinics
	Persons with intellectual disability who are existing patients/ clients of the designated public clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ HA : SOPCs, hospitals (for in- patients), selected GOPCs (please click here for details on Hospital Authority designated webpage) ◆ DH : MCHCs, Chest Clinics, SPP Treatment Centre, PDQAS Clinics, Social Hygiene or Dermatological Clinics
	Persons with intellectual disability who are existing clients of designated institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Visiting Medical Officers (DH will approach designated institutions directly for logistic

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	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)	<p>HCWs of DH, HA, RCHEs, RCHDs , residential child care centres (RCCCs) or other Government departments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Health care workers (including care workers in Residential Care Homes for the Elderly [RCHEs], Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities [RCHDs]) 	◆ By the respective organisations (DH : from 21 September 2023) (HA : from 21 September 2023)
6. Children and adolescents aged 6 months to under 18 years	<p>Children aged 6 months to under 18 years from families receiving CSSA or holding valid Certificate ^{Note 2}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6 months to under 6 years; or aged 6 years or above studying in a kindergarten/ child care centre ● 6 years to under 18 years; or aged 18 years or above studying in a secondary school 	<p>◆ HA : Selected GOPCs (please click here for details on Hospital Authority designated webpage)</p> <p>◆ DH : MCHCs (clients may contact the MCHCs for appointment)</p> <p>◆ DH : SHSCs (clients may contact Student Health Service 2856 9133 for enquiries and appointment from 5 October 2023 onwards)</p>
	Students of schools participating in 2023/24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge)	◆ Vaccination outreach team (by DH or through public-private-partnership)
7. Poultry workers	Poultry workers or workers who may be involved in poultry-culling operations	◆ HA : Selected GOPCs* (via internal arrangement by respective organisations) (From 30 October 2023)
8. Pig farmers or pig-slaughtering industry personnel	Pig farmers or pig-slaughtering industry personnel	◆ HA : Selected GOPCs* (via internal arrangement by respective organisations) (From 30 October 2023)

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^{Note 1}. They can consult their doctors for the need and details of pneumococcal vaccination.)

Eligible groups for free PV under GVP 2023/24	Service Providers 2023/24
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">◆ HA : SOPCs, selected GOPCs (please click here for details on Hospital Authority designated webpage)◆ DH : EHCs, Chest Clinics, PDQAS Clinics, SPP Treatment Centre
2. Community-living elderly who are recipients of CSSA or holders of valid Certificate ^{Note 2} (with/without high-risk conditions#)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ HA : Selected GOPCs (please click here for details on Hospital Authority designated webpage)◆ DH : EHCs (for members only)
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">◆ Visiting Medical Officers (DH will approach RCHEs / RCHDs directly for logistic arrangement)
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">◆ HA hospitals

Under GVP 2023/24, 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 2023/24 are: **Hong Kong residents** who are pregnant women, persons aged 50 years or above, children and adolescents aged between 6 months and under 18 years or aged 18 years or above studying at a secondary school in Hong Kong, persons with intellectual disability, persons receiving Disability Allowance, and persons aged 18 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 2023/24 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

- (i) Loss of function of two limbs
- (ii) Loss of functions of both hands or all fingers
- (iii) Loss of functions of both feet
- (iv) Total loss of sight
- (v) Total paralysis (quadriplegia)
- (vi) Paraplegia
- (vii) 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:

Persons	Documentary proof required
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	
Adolescents aged 18 years or above but studying in a secondary 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: <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/17980.html>

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
PDQAS:	Professional Development and Quality Assurance Service
SHSCs	Student Health Service Centres
SOPCs:	Specialist Out-patient Clinics
SPP:	Special Preventive Programme

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14 Elderly Health Centres (EHC)
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District	Centre	Address
Hong Kong Island	Sai Ying Pun EHC	6/F, Sai Ying Pun Jockey Club Polyclinic, 134 Queen's Road West, H.K.
	Shau Kei Wan EHC	G/F, Shau Kei Wan Jockey Club Clinic, 8 Chai Wan Road, Shau Kei Wan, H.K.
	Aberdeen EHC	LG/F, Block B, Aberdeen Jockey Club Clinic, 10 Aberdeen Reservoir Road, H.K.
	Wan Chai EHC	2/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, H.K.
Kowloon	Lam Tin EHC	G/F, Lam Tin Community Complex, 223 Pik Wan Road, Lam Tin, Kowloon
	Nam Shan EHC	G/F, Nam Yiu House, Nam Shan Estate, Shek Kip Mei, Kowloon
New Territories	Tung Chung EHC	1/F, Block 2, Tung Chung Health Centre, 6 Fu Tung Street, Tung Chung, Lantau Island, N.T.
	Kwai Shing EHC	G/F & 1/F, Shing Wo House, Kwai Shing East Estate, Kwai Yip Street, Kwai Chung, N.T.
	Shek Wu Hui EHC	1/F, Shek Wu Hui Jockey Club Clinic, 108-130 Jockey Club Road, Sheung Shui, N.T.
	Tseung Kwan O EHC	G/F, Tseung Kwan O Jockey Club Clinic, 99 Po Lam Road North, Tseung Kwan O, N.T.
	Lek Yuen EHC	3/F, Lek Yuen Health Centre, 9 Lek Yuen Street, Sha Tin, N.T.
	Tsuen Wan EHC	G/F, Block B, Lady Trench Polyclinic, 213 Sha Tsui Road, Tsuen Wan, N.T.
	Tuen Mun Wu Hong EHC	G/F, Tuen Mun Wu Hong Clinic, 2 Wu Hong Street, Tuen Mun, N.T.
	Yuen Long EHC	G/F, Madam Yung Fung Shee Health Centre, 26 Sai Ching Street, Yuen Long, N.T.

Points to note:

- Members -----please bring along Hong Kong Identity Card, vaccination record, including COVID-19 vaccine (if available) and member's booklet and receive vaccination at the attending EHC
- Non-members ---- please bring along Hong Kong Identity Card, vaccination record, including COVID-19 vaccine (if available), medical records, record of drug allergy, and provide us your telephone number and address