

## Government Vaccination Programme 2023/24 (Free Pneumococcal Vaccination)

Eligible groups*	Major service providers
1. Community-living elderly with high-risk conditions # attending public clinics (Hong Kong residents)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elderly Health Centres, Chest Clinic, Special Preventive Programme Treatment Centre, and Professional Development and Quality Assurance Service Clinics of Department of Health</li> <li>● Specialist Out-patient Clinics and Selected General Out-patient Clinics of Hospital Authority</li> </ul>
2. Community-living elderly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance</li> <li>● Holders of valid Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges issued by Social Welfare Department</li> </ul> (with/without high-risk conditions #)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elderly Health Centres of Department of Health (for members only)</li> <li>● Selected General Out-patient Clinics of Hospital Authority</li> </ul>
3. Residents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Residents of residential care homes for the elderly</li> <li>● Elderly in residential care homes for persons with disabilities</li> </ul> (with/without high-risk conditions #)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Visiting Medical Officers</li> </ul>
4. Elderly in-patients under Hospital Authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● With high-risk conditions #</li> <li>● In infirmary, psycho-geriatric, mentally ill or mentally handicapped units/wards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hospitals of Hospital Authority</li> </ul>

\* Aged 65 years or above

# High-risk conditions include:

- 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 for aspiration, or those who lack the ability to take care of themselves.

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