

Seasonal Influenza Vaccination

for Persons with Intellectual Disability or
Disability Allowance Recipients

2019/20

Commence in October 2019

Healthcare workers, parents and caretakers please assist to explain the information below to persons with intellectual disability or Disability Allowance recipients.

1

Why is seasonal influenza vaccination important?

Seasonal influenza vaccination is one of the effective means to prevent seasonal influenza and its complications, as well as reduce influenza related hospitalisation and death.

2

Who should receive seasonal influenza vaccination?

Given that influenza vaccines are safe and effective and severe cases can occur even in healthy persons, all members of the public aged 6 months or above, except those with known contraindications, should receive seasonal influenza vaccine for personal protection.

3

Is it necessary to get vaccinated against seasonal influenza every year?

Yes. The circulating seasonal influenza strains may change from time to time. In accordance with the circulating strains, the seasonal influenza vaccine composition is updated every year to enhance protection.

The immunity built up in a vaccinated person in the prior season will decrease over time and may become too low to provide protection in the next season. In addition, the vaccine compositions of 2019-20 seasonal influenza vaccine are different from those in 2018-19 season.





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 mentally handicap) [#] ; 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
Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge)	Students studying in participating schools including primary section of special schools and special child care centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive free vaccination during school outreach vaccination activity
School Outreach (Extra Charge Allowed) Programme	Students studying in participating schools including primary section of special schools and special child care centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive vaccination during school outreach vaccination activity• The subsidy for influenza vaccination is \$210 per dose• Doctors may charge extra fee but some doctors will not charge any fee.
Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (Subsidised)	1. PID holding the Registration Card for People with Disabilities (with indication of intellectual disability or mentally handicap) [#] ; or 2. PID holding a certificate certifying that 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 \$210 per dose• Doctors may charge extra fee but some doctors will not charge any fee.

[#] Please bring along the Registration Card for People with Disability specifying "Intellectual Disability or Mentally Handicap", 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



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