

# Seasonal Influenza Vaccination

## for Persons with Intellectual Disability or Disability Allowance Recipients

# 2018/19

Commence in October/November 2018 (please pay note to announcement)

\* If necessary, healthcare workers, parents and caretakers please assist to explain the information below to persons with intellectual disability or Disability Allowance recipients.

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### Why do we need flu vaccination?

Vaccination is one of the effective means to prevent flu and its complications.

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### What types of seasonal influenza vaccines are registered in Hong Kong?

Two types of seasonal influenza vaccines are registered in Hong Kong: inactivated influenza injectable vaccines and a live attenuated influenza nasal vaccine.

Most inactivated influenza vaccines are recommended for use among persons aged 6 months or above. Live attenuated influenza nasal vaccine can be used among non-pregnant and non-immunocompromised people 2 - 49 years of age. Please consult your doctor for details.

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### Are flu vaccines safe?

Inactivated influenza injectable vaccine is very safe. Soreness, redness or swelling may occur at the injection site. Some recipients may experience fever, muscle pain and tiredness after vaccination. Immediate severe allergic reactions like swelling of the lips or tongue and difficulties in breathing are rare and require medical attention immediately. Other severe reactions are very rare.

After live attenuated influenza nasal vaccine administration, nasal congestion or runny nose, fever and sore throat may occur. Children aged below five years and with wheezing or persons with asthma may be at increased risk of wheezing. For any questions, you may consult the health professionals.



## 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
<b>Government Vaccination Programme (Free)</b>	Existing clients of public clinics/ hospitals, who are: 1. PID holding the Registration Card for People with Disabilities (with indication of intellectual disability) <sup>#</sup> ; or 2. persons receiving DA <sup>#</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive free vaccination during their follow-up or stay in hospitals</li> </ul>
<b>Residential Care Home Vaccination Programme (Free)</b>	Non-institutionalised PID receiving services in designated day centres, sheltered workshops and special schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive free vaccination inside the centres/ workshops/ schools</li> </ul>
<b>Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (Subsidised)</b>	1. PID holding the Registration Card for People with Disabilities (with indication of intellectual disability) <sup>#</sup> ; 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 <sup>#</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive the subsidised vaccination provided by enrolled private doctors</li> <li>• The subsidy for influenza vaccination is \$210 per dose</li> <li>• Doctors may charge extra fee</li> </ul>

<sup>#</sup> Please bring along the Registration Card for People with Disability specifying "Intellectual Disability", 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**

**Enquiry**

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Vaccination Schemes