



Seasonal Influenza Vaccination & Pneumococcal Vaccination Arrangement for 2020/21



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Department of Health

Vaccination Programmes/Schemes in 2020/21

1. **Government Vaccination Programme (GVP)**
(including Residential Care Home Vaccination Programme, RVP)
2. **Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS)**
3. **School Outreach** *(For Seasonal Influenza Vaccination only)*



Seasonal Influenza Vaccination (SIV)

Review of SIV statistics in 2019/20

Seasonal Influenza Vaccines in **2019/20** had expired on 31 August 2020

Total > 1 399 000 doses of SIV were given in 2019/20 under GVP, VSS and School Outreach (Free of Charge) *(Total doses increased by 16.9% as compared with 2018/19)*

- Government Vaccination Programme (GVP) 556 800
- Vaccination Subsidy Schemes (VSS) 508 300
- School Outreach (Free of Charge) 334 000

SIV Statistics **2019/20** by target groups (as at 31 August 2020)

Category		Vaccination Coverage
Elderly aged 65 years or above		45.8%
Persons aged 50 to 64		10.7%
Children	aged between 6 months to less than 6 years	47.4%
	aged between 6 years to less than 12 years	68.1%
	Total for Children	58.7%
Healthcare workers		41.3%

SIV Programmes in 2020/21

Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases Recommendations (29 May 2020)

- Egg-based quadrivalent seasonal influenza vaccine (northern hemisphere) contains the following:
 - ✓ an A/GuangdongMaonan/SWL1536/2019 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus
 - ✓ an A/Hong Kong/2671/2019 (H3N2)-like virus
 - ✓ a B/Washington/02/2019-like virus
 - ✓ a B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus
- **Both** inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV) and live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) are recommended for use in Hong Kong
- For the 2020/21 season, all available SIV in Hong Kong are egg-based **quadrivalent** SIV

Highlight of 2020/21 SIV Programmes

- Major eligible groups same as 2019/20, also covering persons who are recipients of standard rate of “100% disabled” or “requiring constant attendance” under CSSA Scheme in **GVP** and **VSS**
- **SIV School Outreach (Free of Charge):** KG/CCC Outreach will be regularised as with Primary School Outreach
- Increase in subsidy level for **VSS** and **School Outreach (KG/ CCC)**

Subsidy reimbursement level for SIV in 2020/21

Programmes	Reimbursement per dose
VSS/ VSS School Outreach (Extra charge allowed)	\$210 → \$240
SIV School Outreach (Free of Charge) - KG/ CCC Outreach	\$260 → \$270
SIV School Outreach (Free of Charge) - Primary School Outreach	\$100
RVP	\$100

Government Vaccination Programme (GVP)





- **Free** vaccination to eligible groups

- *at HA and DH premises*





- *at institutions under RVP*

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Eligible groups of GVP 2020/21





Priority groups recommended by Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases		Eligible groups of Government Vaccination Programme 2020/21
1. Pregnant women		Pregnant women who are Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients or holders of valid Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges (Certificate)
2. Residents of Residential Care Homes		Residents of Residential Care Homes (for the Elderly or Persons with Disabilities)
3. Persons aged 50 years or above		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elderly* aged 65 years or above Aged 50 years to under 65 who are CSSA recipients or valid Certificate** holders
4. Persons with chronic medical problems		Existing patients of the designated public clinics, who are CSSA recipients or valid Certificate** holders and have high-risk conditions#
		Existing patients of the designated public clinics, who are recipients of standard rate of “100% disabled” or “requiring constant attendance” under CSSA
		In-patients (including paediatric patients) of Hospital Authority (HA) with high-risk conditions# (e.g. those in infirmary, psycho-geriatric, mentally ill or mentally handicapped units/wards)
		Paediatric out-patients with high-risk conditions# or on long-term aspirin therapy
		Disability Allowance recipients or persons with intellectual disability who are existing clients of HA, clinics of Department of Health (DH), designated day centres, sheltered workshops or special schools

Eligible groups of GVP 2020/21

5. Healthcare workers (HCWs)		HCWs of DH, HA, Residential Care Homes (for the Elderly or Persons with Disabilities), Residential Child Care Centres (RCCCs) or other Government departments
6. Children aged 6 months to under 12 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children aged 6 months to under 12 years from families receiving CSSA or holding valid Certificate** (Students of schools participating in 2020/21 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge) may also receive free vaccination at School Outreach) ● Residents of RCCCs
7. Poultry workers		Poultry workers or workers who may be involved in poultry-culling operations
8. Pig farmers and pig-slaughtering industry personnel		Pig farmers and pig-slaughtering industry personnel

Eligible groups of VSS

- **Subsidized** vaccination to eligible groups by private doctors
- Covers persons who are recipients of standard rate of “100% disabled” or “requiring constant attendance” under CSSA

	<p>All pregnant women</p>
	<p>All children aged 6 months to under 12 years (or studying in primary schools)</p>
	<p>All persons aged 50 years or above</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Persons with intellectual disabilities ● Persons receiving Disability Allowance ● Persons who are recipients of standard rate of “100% disabled” or “requiring constant attendance” under Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme

VSS

- SIV subsidy level will be **increased** from \$210 to \$240 per dose
- Private doctors (VSS doctors) may or may not charge extra fee
- For VSS doctors information, please visit eHealth System (Subsidies)

The image shows two screenshots of the eHealth System (Subsidies) Portal. The left screenshot displays the main portal interface with two main sections: 'Healthcare Professionals' and 'General Public'. The 'Healthcare Professionals' section includes 'Enrolment' (with a sign-up to enroll in Health Care Voucher Scheme, Vaccination Subsidy Scheme, and Primary Care Directory) and 'Enrolled Healthcare Service Provider Login'. The 'General Public' section includes 'Voucher Balance Enquiry' (to check voucher balance) and 'List of Enrolled Healthcare Service Providers' (to search for providers under HCVS and VSS). The right screenshot shows the 'List of Enrolled Healthcare Service Providers' search page. It prompts users to input keywords and select at least one option for searching. The search criteria include 'Profession', 'Scheme', and 'District'. The 'Profession' dropdown is open, showing options like Medical Practitioner, Chinese Medicine Practitioner, Dentist, Chiropractor, and Registered Nurse / Enrolled Nurse. The 'Scheme' dropdown is also open, showing options like Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Radiographer, Medical Laboratory Technologist, and Optometrist (Part I of the register). There are 'Reset' and 'Search' buttons at the bottom.

High-risk conditions (under GVP/VSS) (Criteria: **Remain the same**)

High-risk conditions include both risk factors for seasonal influenza and invasive pneumococcal diseases

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

School Outreach

(I) 2020/21 School Outreach (Free of Charge)

- **Regularized** programmes for primary schools as well as Kindergartens (KG), Kindergartens-cum-child-care-centres, Child-care-centres (CCC)
- Service providers: Public-private-partnership (PPP) vaccination teams & DH teams
- No quota for participating schools
- Free vaccination for all students in participating schools, irrespective of HK resident status
- **Increased subsidy** level to PPP doctors for KG/CCC outreach to \$270
- As at mid-August 2020, around 470 primary schools & 760 KG/CCC have enrolled to the programme

(II) VSS School Outreach (Extra Charge Allowed)

Types of SIVs used under GVP, VSS, and School Outreach

- **Inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV)**
 - Administered through injection
 - Can be used for persons aged 6 months and above
- **Live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV)**
 - Administered intranasally
 - Indicated for 2 - 49 years of age, except: those who are pregnant, immunocompromised, or with other contraindications

(Please refer to the drug inserts for details before vaccination)

Types of SIVs used under GVP, VSS, and School Outreach

Programme(s)	Type of vaccines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GVP 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Outreach (Free of charge) – Primary School Outreach 	<u>IIV (quadrivalent) only</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VSS clinics and outreach vaccination • VSS School Outreach (Extra Charge Allowed) • School Outreach (Free of charge) – KG/CCC 	<u>PPP doctors can choose to use IIV or LAIV (quadrivalent) as appropriate</u>

Reinforce Public Education

Public education and risk communication

- Work closely with health care sectors, community partners and education sectors to promote vaccination
- Publicise through multiple channels

1) Publicity Channels

- Websites
- TV and radio
- Public transport
- Health education infoline
- Newspapers and newsletters
- Media interviews
- Social media / digital (Facebook, Yahoo, YouTube & Instagram)



The screenshot displays the website of the Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health, Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The page is titled "Vaccination Schemes" and features a navigation menu with options like "About", "Health Topics", "Recommendations", "Resources", "Statistics", "Media Room", and "Others". A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area includes a "Vaccination Schemes" section with a date of "1 September 2020" and a large graphic for "2020/21 VACCINATION SCHEMES". To the right, there is a "Latest News" section with the following text:

Latest News
In 2020/21,

- Vaccination Subsidy Scheme will commence on 8 October 2020;
- Seasonal Influenza Vaccination (SIV) School Outreach (Free of Charge) – Kindergartens/Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres/Child Care Centres will commence on 8 October 2020;
- Seasonal Influenza Vaccination (SIV) School Outreach (Free of Charge) – Primary Schools will commence on 22 October 2020;
- Government Vaccination Programme will commence on 22 October 2020.

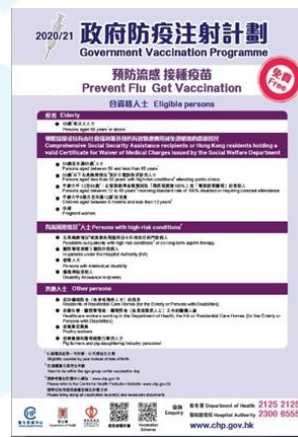
For details, please click here to read the "Press Releases".

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with navigation links: "Home", "Programme / Scheme Details", "Press Releases", "Health Education Materials", and "Statistics on Vaccination Programmes / Schemes". A small note in the bottom right corner states: "Recommendations issued by the Scientific Committee on Vaccines, Preventable Diseases, ID/VPD".

Public education and risk communication

2) Health Education Materials

- Leaflets and posters
- TV & radio API
- Videos
- Frequently Asked Questions



Public education and risk communication

3) Promotion Activities

- Senior officials taking the lead to have the vaccination
- Appeal to stake holders (including medical schools, nursing schools, doctors' organisations, HA, DH and other government departments) for encouraging their students/ members/ colleagues to get vaccination

Reasons for receiving / not receiving SIV (General Public)

Reasons for **receiving**

- 32.8% believed that vaccination is effective in reducing the risk of flu/ease flu-like symptoms
- 21.3% worry of getting flu/peak flu season
- 17.5% recommended by health care workers
- 16.6% have a habit to receive the vaccination every year
- 13.5% know there is free / subsidised vaccination

Reasons for **not receiving**

- 45.9% perceive themselves as being healthy and will not easily get the flu
- 14.1% are concerned about effectiveness of SIV
- 10.4% are concerned about the safety of SIV
- 9.7% consider vaccine is expensive
- 8.5% have no time

Source: Seasonal influenza vaccination coverage survey for the 2015/16 season. Reported on Communicable Disease Watch. Dec 18 – Dec 31, 2016

Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases (SCVPD) Recommendations on SIV for 2020/21

- In the context of the **global pandemic of COVID-19**, health workers, older adults and pregnant women are prioritised to access and receive SIV
- **SIV can reduce the risk of influenza infection and related complications, and relieve the burden on healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic**

SCVPD Recommendations on SIV for 2020/21

- All members of the public aged 6 months or above, except those with known contraindications, should receive seasonal influenza vaccination annually for personal protection
- People who are in the priority groups are generally at increased risk of severe influenza or transmitting influenza to those at high risk. Therefore, they shall have higher priority for seasonal influenza vaccination

2020/21
接種季節性流感疫苗
Seasonal Influenza Vaccination
有效預防流感及其併發症
Effectively prevents influenza and its complications

「疫苗可預防疾病科學委員會」建議之優先群組：
The priority groups recommended by the Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases:

- 孕婦
Pregnant Women
- 居於護理院舍的人士
Residents of Residential Care Homes
- 50歲或以上人士
Persons Aged 50 Years or Above
- 有長期健康問題人士
Persons with Chronic Medical Problems
- 醫護人員
Healthcare Workers
- 6個月至11歲兒童
Children Aged 6 Months to 11 Years
- 家禽業從業員
Poultry Workers
- 從事屠豬和屠宰豬隻行業的人士
Pig Farmers and Pig-slaughtering Industry Personnel

除個別有已知禁忌症的人士外，所有年滿6個月或以上人士都應每年接種季節性流感疫苗，以保障個人健康。
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Role of Health Care Workers in promoting SIV

Promote SIV to patients

- Be **proactive** in promoting, especially to persons in the **priority groups**
- Clarify main concerns about **effectiveness and safety** of the vaccination

Get vaccination themselves

- **Reduce morbidity** related to respiratory infections
- **Reduce risk of transmitting** influenza to patients who are at high-risk of complications and mortality
- **Strengthen capacity** during peak season

Pneumococcal Vaccination (PV) for the Elderly

PV Programmes in 2020/21

- Same arrangement as 2019/20

Elderly aged 65 years or above	Have never received pneumococcal vaccination	Have received 23vPPV	Have received PCV13
<u>With</u> high-risk conditions	One dose of free or subsidised PCV 13 followed by one dose of 23vPPV one year after	One dose of free or subsidised PCV13 mop-up vaccination one year after the previous dose of 23vPPV	One dose of free or subsidised 23vPPV one year after the previous dose of PCV13
<u>Without</u> high-risk conditions	Continue to provide one dose of free or subsidized 23vPPV	No need to re-vaccinate	No need to re-vaccinate

PV Programmes in 2020/21

- No change in eligibility under GVP and VSS
- VSS subsidy levels **increase** to:
 - 23vPPV: HKD\$300 per dose
 - PCV13: HKD\$760 per dose

Vaccination Programmes Start Dates

8 Oct 2020

- Vaccination Subsidy Scheme
- 2020/21 SIV School Outreach (Free of charge) – KG/CCC

22 Oct 2020

- Government Vaccination Programme
- 2020/21 SIV School Outreach (Free of charge) – Primary School Outreach

Please visit CHP website for more details:
<https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/17980.html>

Home > Feature Topic > Vaccination Schemes

Vaccination Schemes

5 August 2020

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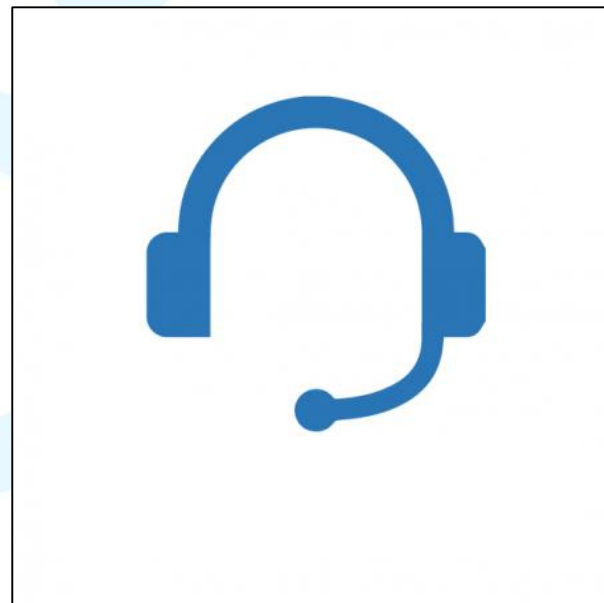
General Public: would like to receive vaccination

Medical Practitioners: would like to provide vaccination services

Schools: would like to arrange vaccination activities

Residential Care Homes: would like to arrange vaccination activities

Other Institutions and Community Groups: would like to arrange vaccination activities



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