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BY EMAIL AND BY POST

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Dear Doctors Enrolled in the VSS and/or RVP,

**Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS) 2020/21,
Residential Care Home Vaccination Programme (RVP) 2020/21
and Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme (HCVS)
Invitation to Briefing and Request for Service Fee Information**

Thank you for your support and contribution to the VSS and RVP. We would like to i) inform you of the arrangement of VSS and RVP in the 2020/21 season ; ii) to provide you an update of HCVS; iii) to invite you to the concerned briefings; and iv) to request for information of service fees you will charge under VSS 2020/21.

I. Arrangements of VSS 2020/21

A. Eligible Groups and Government Subsidies

For VSS 2020/21, the eligible groups for subsidised seasonal influenza vaccination (SIV) are as follows:

1. Persons aged 50 to less than 65 years;
2. Elderly aged 65 or above;
3. Children aged 6 months to less than 12 years;
4. Pregnant women;
5. Persons with intellectual disability; and
6. Persons receiving Disability Allowance.

The eligible groups for pneumococcal vaccination remain the same as those of the 2019/20 season.

The subsidies for SIV, 23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (23vPPV) and 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccines (PCV13) are increased as follows:

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1. SIV# – HK \$240 each dose;
2. 23vPPV vaccination – HK \$300 each dose; and
3. PCV13 vaccination* – HK \$760 each dose.

#Inactivated influenza vaccines (IIV) as well as live attenuated influenza vaccines (LAIV) can be used but the subsidy level will be the same.

*There is only one brand of PCV13 which has been registered for sale in Hong Kong and the company supplying that brand agrees to offer it to the doctor at a net price of \$660 per dose for administration under the VSS.

Details of the eligible groups, subsidy levels and vaccination arrangement are available at **Annex I**.

B. Agreement, Doctors' Guide and Requirement to enrol in PCD

The Terms and Conditions of the Agreement for VSS ("the Agreement") in 2020/21 season and the Doctors' Guide will soon be updated and uploaded to the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) website. Enrolled doctor under VSS is required to comply with the Agreement and the Doctors' Guide.

A separate e-mail will be sent to you in due course highlighting the changes in the Agreement and the Doctors' Guide for VSS 2020/21.

Please note that doctors who wish to continue enrolment in VSS 2020/21 have to enroll in Primary Care Directory (PCD) before the start of the 2020/21 season.

C. VSS Vaccination at Non-Clinic Settings

VSS doctors who have registered a practice at non-clinic setting can organise outreach vaccination activities for all eligible groups. For VSS School Outreach (Extra Charge Allowed) Programme, school children, regardless of their Hong Kong resident status, will continue to be eligible for vaccination subsidy in vaccination activities taking place at their schools. The subsidy levels for all vaccines administered in outreach settings will be the same as those administered in clinics.

A notification form (See **Annex II**) should be submitted to Programme Management and Vaccination Division (PMVD) at least two weeks before the vaccination date. Failure to notify two weeks in advance is a non-compliance with the Doctors' Guide and the Agreement with enrolled doctors under VSS.

II. Arrangements of RVP 2020/21

For RVP 2020/21, the eligible recipients for free SIV and pneumococcal vaccines (23vPPV and PCV13) remain the same as those in 2019/20. The subsidy for Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs) is \$100 per dose of vaccine injection provided to the eligible recipients.

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III. Update of the HCVS

The HCVS was launched in 2009 to subsidise eligible elders to use private primary healthcare services that best suit their health needs. At present, elders aged 65 or above are provided with an annual voucher amount of \$2,000 and the accumulation limit of vouchers is \$8,000.

IV. Invitation to Briefings

To further explain the arrangement for VSS and RVP 2020/21 as well as provide more details about the HCVS, we would like to invite you to attend **one of the** following identical briefing sessions:

Title: Epidemiology of Seasonal Influenza/ Pneumococcal Infection in Hong Kong, Recommendations on Influenza Vaccination/ Pneumococcal Vaccination, Vaccination Scheme/ Programme 2020/21 and Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme		
Date: 15 July 2020 (Wed)	Date: 17 July 2020 (Fri)	Date: 22 July 2020 (Wed)
Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm		
Number of Seats: 60 [^] Venue: Wan Chai Activities Centre, LG/F, Wan Chai Market, Wan Chai, Hong Kong (The entrance is next to 28 Wan Chai Rd.)	Number of Seats: 65 [^] Venue: Lecture Theatre, G/F, Centre for Health Protection, 147C Argyle Street, Kowloon	Number of Seats: 65 [^] Venue: Lecture Theatre, G/F, Centre for Health Protection, 147C Argyle Street, Kowloon

[^]To prevent the possible spread of the COVID-19, the number of seats for each briefing is fixed and no additional seats will be provided for walk-in doctors / healthcare personnel. No food or drink will be provided.

Seats are reserved on a first-come-first-served basis. If you wish to join any one of the above sessions, **please return the completed reply slip (See Annex III) on or before 8 July 2020 by fax to 2713 9576 or email to vacs@dh.gov.hk**. The presentation materials about VSS and RVP will be uploaded to the website of CHP after the briefings.

V. Service Fee Information under VSS

Should you wish to continue your enrolment in the coming VSS 2020/21, we would like to request for the following updated information:

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- (i) The specific target group(s) under the types of vaccination mentioned at **Annex I** that you would like to provide service under VSS 2020/21; and
- (ii) The corresponding service fees charged by you in respect of each of these specific target group(s) and type(s) of vaccination that you opt to serve.

Please complete the “Provision of Information on Service Fees” Form at **Annex IV** and kindly note that your subsidy claims will **NOT** be processed if you do not provide the information. The above information will be displayed at the VSS On-line Service Directory for public viewing. It is the obligation of VSS enrolled doctors to provide accurate information so as to maintain information transparency and easy search by the public. Completed form(s) should be returned to the PMVD by fax to 2713 9576 or email to vacs@dh.gov.hk **on or before 1 September 2020**. Late submission may delay the delivery of welcome packs for VSS 2020/21.

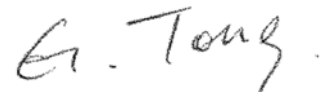
For updates on other particulars, please use the attached “Request to Change Particulars” Form at **Annex V**.

VI. Enquiries

We look forward to your continuous support to VSS 2020/21. Please feel free to contact the PMVD at our designated hotline for VSS doctors, 2125 2299, for any enquiries.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,



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for Director of Health