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Dear VSS doctors,

Co-administration of COVID-19 vaccines and seasonal influenza vaccines (SIV)

Thank you for your participation in the Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS).

According to the latest recommendation by the Joint Scientific Committees and the Chief Executive's expert advisory panel (as of 6 April 2022) (https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/consensus_interim_recommendations_on_the_use_of_covid19_vaccines_in_hong_kong_6_apr.pdf), COVID-19 vaccines can be co-administered with SIV.

SIV offers protection also for the summer influenza season, we would like to appeal to you to encourage your clients to receive SIV of the current 2021/22 season together with COVID-19 vaccines at the same visit, if your clients* are due for COVID-19 vaccine and have not yet received SIV of 2021/22 season.

Interval of COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines

Alternatively, you may encourage your clients* to receive COVID-19 vaccine before or after SIV, without regarding to timing (reference: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/faq.html>).

*Eligible groups for subsidised SIV under VSS include Hong Kong residents of the following groups: persons of age 50 or above, pregnant women, children of age 6 months to less than 12 years, persons with intellectual disability, persons receiving disability allowance and recipients of standard rate of “100% disabled” or “requiring constant attendance” under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme.

Expiry date of SIV of 2021/22 season

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that, depending on the type, brand and batch, some seasonal influenza vaccines of 2021/22 season have expired in March 2022, and the last batch will expire on 1 July 2022. Please check and ensure the SIV is not yet expired before you administer it to your clients. Please find information on handling of expired vaccine in Section 6 of the Doctors' Guide (https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/vssdg_ch6_vaccine_storage_and_handling.pdf).

Thank you for your support in providing SIV and COVID-19 vaccination to the community.

For any questions, please contact 2125 2299.

Regards,
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