

**Statistics of the current influenza season and the influenza seasons in the past three years**

<b>Influenza season</b>		<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015 (ongoing)</b>
		Winter <sup>#</sup>	Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter
Predominating influenza virus strain(s)		Influenza B and Influenza A (H3N2)	Influenza A (H1N1) and Influenza B	Influenza A (H3N2)	Influenza A (H1N1), Influenza A (H3N2) and Influenza B	Influenza A (H3N2)	Influenza A (H3N2)
Number of severe cases reported to the Department of Health (number of deaths)	Aged between 0 and 17	16 (2)	8 (0)	2 (0)	23 (3)	2 (1)	18 (1)
	Aged between 18 and 64	75 (19)	36 (9)	11 (3)	127 (31)	7 (2)	72 (25)
	Aged 65 or above	256 (206)	34 (2)	45 (33)	139 (102)	24 (15)	442 (360)
	Total	347 (227)	78 (29)	58 (36)	289 (136)	33 (18)	532 (386) (as at noon, March 16)
Admission to the Hospital Authority's hospitals with principal diagnosis of influenza	Aged between 0 and 14	1 966	523	421	1 480	166	862*
	Aged between 15 and 64	925	388	226	1 152	101	882*
	Aged 65 or above	3 021	242	610	1 255	303	3 624*
	Total	5 912	1 153	1 257	3 887	570	5 368*
Highest average weekly consultation rate for influenza-like illness among sentinel general out-patient clinics (per 1 000 consultations)		8.6	4.9	5.4	9.3	5.8	12.7
Highest average weekly consultation rate for influenza-like illness among sentinel private doctors (per 1 000 consultations)		66.8	53.7	49.6	59.5	41.7	71.0

<sup>#</sup> The winter influenza season in 2012 extended to summer.

\* Provisional figures for the period from December 28, 2014 to March 7, 2015.

The number of people vaccinated under the Childhood Influenza Vaccination Subsidy Scheme and the Elderly Vaccination Subsidy Scheme this year and in the past three years

	Number of people received influenza vaccination		
Year	Childhood Influenza Vaccination Subsidy Scheme	Elderly Vaccination Subsidy Scheme	Total
2011/12 (full-year)	43 700	120 900	164 600
2012/13 (full-year)	60 400	141 700	202 100
2013/14 (full-year)	62 000	160 100	222 100
2014/15 (as at March 15, 2015)	54 300	177 000	231 300