

Attachment 2:

Priority groups recommended and eligible groups under Government Vaccination Programme 2015/16

Priority groups recommended by Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases	Eligible groups with free vaccination provided under Government Vaccination Programme 2015/16
Pregnant women	Pregnant women receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) or holding valid Certificates for Waiver of Medical Charges [^]
Persons aged 50 years or above	Community living persons aged between 50 and less than 65 years receiving CSSA or holding valid Certificates for Waiver of Medical Charges [^]
	Community living elders aged 65 years or above
Children aged between 6 months and less than 6 years	Children aged between 6 months and less than 6 years from families receiving CSSA or holding valid Certificates for Waiver of Medical Charges [^]
Persons with chronic medical problems*	CSSA recipients or holders of valid Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges [^] aged below 65 years with chronic medical problems* attending public clinics
	In-patients under Hospital Authority (HA): Hospitalised patients (including paediatric patients) with chronic medical problems*, and those in infirmary, psycho-geriatric, mentally ill and mentally handicapped units/wards
	Paediatric out-patients with chronic medical problems* or on long-term aspirin
	Persons with intellectual disabilities (in-patients and out-patients under HA, current clients of designated clinics of Department of Health (DH), or clients receiving services in designated day centres, sheltered workshops and special schools)
Elderly persons living in residential care homes	Residents of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)
Long-stay residents of institutions for the disabled	Residents of residential care homes for the disabled (RCHDs)
Healthcare workers (HCWs)	HCWs of DH, HA, RCHEs, RCHDs and other Government departments and residential care homes
Poultry workers	Poultry workers or workers who may be involved in poultry-culling operations
Pig farmers and pig-slaughtering industry personnel	Pig farmers or pig-slaughtering industry personnel

* People with **chronic medical problems** mainly refer to those who have chronic cardiovascular (except hypertension without complication), lung, metabolic or kidney diseases, obesity (Body Mass Index 30 or above), who are immunocompromised (i.e. weakened immune system due to disease such as Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or treatment such as cancer treatment), children and adolescents (aged 6 months to 18 years) on long-term aspirin therapy, and those with chronic neurological condition that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory secretions or that can increase the risk for aspiration or those who lack the ability to care for themselves.

[^] **Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges** is applicable to Hong Kong residents who are of the above recommended priority groups and are meeting the eligibility criteria for waiving of medical charges.