

Eligible groups of Government Vaccination Programme

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Priority groups recommended by Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases	2015/16	2016/17	New beneficiaries in 2016/17
1. Pregnant women	Pregnant women who are Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients or valid Medical Waiver Certificate* holders		
2. Children aged 6 months to under 12 years	Children aged 6 months to under 6 years from families receiving CSSA or holding valid Medical Waiver Certificate* <u>Where to vaccinate?</u> ➤ Maternal and Child Health Centres (MCHCs) of Department of Health (DH)	Children aged 6 months to under 12 years from families receiving CSSA or holding valid Medical Waiver Certificate* <u>Where to vaccinate?</u> ➤ 6 months to under 6 years: MCHCs ➤ 6 to under 12 years: Student Health Service Centres of DH	Extended to cover children aged 6 to under 12 years
3. Persons with chronic medical problems#	● <u>Persons with intellectual disabilities (PIDs):</u> clients of Hospital Authority (HA), DH clinics, day centres, sheltered workshops or special schools	● <u>PIDs and community-living Disability Allowance (DA) recipients:</u> clients of HA, DH clinics, day centres, sheltered workshops or special schools	Expanded to cover PIDs and community-living DA recipients, regardless of disability, i.e. disabled physical, mental, intellectual or other conditions
	● <u>Aged under 65, attending public clinics:</u> CSSA recipients or valid Medical Waiver Certificate* holders with chronic medical problems# ● <u>In-patients (including paediatric patients) of HA:</u> hospitalised patients with chronic medical problems#, those in infirmary, psycho-geriatric, mentally ill or mentally handicapped units/wards ● <u>Paediatric out-patients:</u> with chronic medical problems# or on long-term aspirin		
4. Persons aged 50 or above	Community-living persons: ● <u>50 to under 65:</u> CSSA recipients or valid Medical Waiver Certificate* holders ● <u>65 or above:</u> all elders		
5. Elderly persons living in residential care homes	Residents of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)		
6. Long-stay residents of institutions for persons with disabilities	Residents of residential care homes for the disabled (RCHDs)		
7. Healthcare workers (HCWs)	HCWs of DH, HA, RCHEs, RCHDs or other Government departments		
8. Poultry workers	Poultry workers or workers who may be involved in poultry-culling operations		
9. Pig farmers or pig-slaughtering industry personnel	Pig farmers or pig-slaughtering industry personnel		

* **Medical Waiver Certificate** is applicable to Hong Kong residents of the above groups and meeting eligibility criteria for waiving medical charges.

Persons with chronic medical problems mainly refer to: those with chronic cardiovascular (except hypertension without complication), lung, metabolic or kidney diseases; obesity (Body Mass Index 30 or above); the immunocompromised (i.e. weakened immune system due to diseases such as Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection or 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 conditions that can compromise respiratory functions or the handling of respiratory secretions or increase the risk for aspiration, or those who lack the ability to take care of themselves.