

Priority groups recommended by Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases	Eligible groups of Government Vaccination Programme 2017/18
1. Pregnant women	Pregnant women who are Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients or holders of valid Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges issued by Social Welfare Department (Certificate)
2. Elderly persons living in residential care homes	Residents of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs)
3. Long-stay residents of institutions for persons with disabilities	Residents of residential care homes for the disabled (RCHDs)
4. Persons aged 50 years or above	Community-living persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>65 years or above:</b> all elderly</li> <li>● <b>50 years to under 65:</b> CSSA recipients or valid Certificate holders</li> </ul>
5. Persons with chronic medical problems*	<b>Community-living persons:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Receiving Disability Allowance:</b> clients of Hospital Authority (HA) or clinics of Department of Health (DH)</li> <li>● <b>With intellectual disabilities:</b> clients of HA, DH clinics, designated day centres, sheltered workshops or special schools</li> </ul>
	<b>Aged under 50 years attending public clinics:</b> CSSA recipients or valid Certificate holders with high-risk conditions#
	<b>In-patients (including paediatric patients) of HA:</b> hospitalised patients with high-risk conditions# (including those in infirmary, psycho-geriatric, mentally ill or mentally handicapped units/wards)
	<b>Paediatric out-patients:</b> with high-risk conditions# or on long-term aspirin
6. Healthcare workers (HCWs)	HCWs of DH, HA, RCHEs, RCHDs or other Government departments
7. Children aged 6 months to under 12 years	Children aged 6 months to under 12 years from families receiving CSSA or holding valid Certificate <i>Where to vaccinate?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 6 months to under 6 years: Maternal and Child Health Centres of DH</li> <li>● 6 years to under 12 years: Student Health Service Centres of DH</li> </ul>
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

\* For details, please refer to [Recommendations on Seasonal Influenza Vaccination for the 2017/18 Season \(June 2017\)](#).

# High-risk conditions include risk factors for both invasive pneumococcal disease and seasonal influenza:

- History of invasive pneumococcal disease, cerebrospinal fluid leakage or cochlear implant;
- Chronic cardiovascular (except hypertension without complications), lung, liver or kidney diseases;
- Metabolic diseases including diabetes mellitus or obesity (Body Mass Index 30 or above);
- Immunocompromised states related to weakened immune system due to conditions such as asplenia, Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or cancer/steroid treatment;
- 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; and
- Children and adolescents (aged 6 months to 18 years) on long-term aspirin therapy.