

Vaccination Subsidy Scheme 2017/18 (subsidised seasonal influenza vaccination)

Priority groups recommended by Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases	Eligible groups of Vaccination Subsidy Scheme 2017/18 (\$190 per dose)
1. Pregnant women	All pregnant women
2. Children aged 6 months to under 12 years	All children aged 6 months to under 12 years
3. Persons with chronic medical problems*	Community-living persons with intellectual disabilities or receiving Disability Allowance, regardless of disability (including disabled physical, mental, intellectual or other conditions)#
4. Persons aged 50 years or above	All elderly aged 65 years or above

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

High-risk conditions include:

- 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.