

Government Vaccination Programme 2018/19 (free pneumococcal vaccination)

Eligible groups*	Major service providers
1. Community-living elderly with high-risk conditions # attending public clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elderly Health Centres and clinics of Department of Health General Out-patient Clinics and Specialist Out-patient Clinics of Hospital Authority
2. Community-living elderly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Holders of valid Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges issued by Social Welfare Department (with/without high-risk conditions #) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elderly Health Centres of Department of Health General Out-patient Clinics of Hospital Authority
3. Residents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of residential care homes for the elderly Elderly in residential care homes for the disabled (with/without high-risk conditions #) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visiting Medical Officers
4. Elderly in-patients under Hospital Authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With high-risk conditions # In infirmary, psycho-geriatric, mentally ill or mentally handicapped units/wards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitals of Hospital Authority

Vaccination Subsidy Scheme 2018/19 (subsidised pneumococcal vaccination)

Eligible groups*	Service providers
Community-living elderly who are Hong Kong residents	Enrolled private doctors – will provide pneumococcal vaccination according to the medical history and vaccination record of individual elderly as follows :

Vaccination Arrangement under Vaccination Subsidy Scheme

	Have not received any pneumococcal vaccination	Have received 23vPPV	Have received PCV13	Have received both PCV13 and 23vPPV
Without high-risk conditions #	Subsidise one dose of 23vPPV	No vaccination needed	No vaccination needed	No vaccination needed
With high-risk conditions #	Subsidise one dose of PCV13 followed by one dose of 23vPPV one year after	Subsidise one mop-up dose of PCV13 one year after the previous 23vPPV	Subsidise one dose of 23vPPV one year after the previous PCV13	No vaccination needed

* Aged 65 years or above

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; and
- 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.