









## ANNEX I – Free Vaccination

### Government Vaccination Programme 2023/24 Eligible groups for Free Seasonal Influenza Vaccination

Priority groups recommended by Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases		Eligible groups of Government Vaccination Programme 2023/24
1. Pregnant women		Pregnant women who are Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients or holders of valid Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges (Certificate)
2. Residents of Residential Care Homes		Residents of Residential Care Homes (such as Residential Care Homes for the Elderly or Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities)
3. Persons aged 50 years or above		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elderly* aged 65 years or above</li> <li>● Aged 50 years to under 65 who are CSSA recipients or valid Certificate** holders</li> </ul>
4. Persons with chronic medical problems		Existing patients of the designated public clinics, who are CSSA recipients or valid Certificate** holders and have high-risk conditions#
		Existing patients of the designated public clinics, who are recipients of standard rate of “100% disabled” or “requiring constant attendance” under CSSA
		In-patients (including paediatric patients) of Hospital Authority (HA) with high-risk conditions# (e.g. those in infirmary, psycho-geriatric, mentally ill or mentally handicapped units/wards)
		Paediatric out-patients with high-risk conditions# or on long-term aspirin therapy
5. Healthcare workers (HCWs)		HCWs of DH, HA, Residential Care Homes (such as Residential Care Homes for the Elderly or Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities), Residential Child Care Centres (RCCCs) or other Government departments
6. Children and Adolescents aged 6 months to under 18 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Children and Adolescents aged 6 months to under 18 years from families receiving CSSA or holding valid Certificate** (Students of schools participating in 2023/24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge) may also receive free vaccination at School Outreach)</li> <li>● Residents of RCCCs</li> </ul>
7. Poultry workers		Poultry workers or workers who may be involved in poultry-culling operations
8. Pig farmers and pig-slaughtering industry personnel		Pig farmers and pig-slaughtering industry personnel

\* Must be Hong Kong residents

\*\* Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges issued by Social Welfare Department

# High-risk conditions include :

- 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 of 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.

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