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Public Hospital Pertussis Vaccination Programme for Pregnant Women

Hospital Authority (HA) today (28 June) announced the pertussis vaccination arrangement commencing 2 July for pregnant women who have booked to deliver at public hospitals, to dovetail with the Pertussis Vaccination Programme of the Department of Health.

“The said pertussis vaccination programme mainly covers pregnant women with gestational week from 26 to 34. Through vaccination, the pregnant women will develop and pass the antibodies to foetus before delivery and hence providing direct protection for infants against pertussis,” the HA spokesperson said.

“Before 31 August, pregnant women with gestational week over 35 or just gave birth can also opt to receive the vaccination respectively at Specialist Out-patient Clinic (SOPC) or post-natal ward. This will provide mothers with effective protection against pertussis, reducing the risk of pertussis infection of the infant by means of direct contact or airborne transmission.”

The spokesperson stressed that pertussis vaccination is safe to pregnant women and infants. It is usually well tolerated apart from occasional soreness at the injection site.

Members of the public can enquire about the details of the public hospital pertussis vaccination programme at the respective Obstetrics SOPC or visit the following website: www.ha.org.hk/goto/Pertussis_Vaccination_Programme/en.

The HA will inform pregnant women of the vaccination arrangement and promote related information through different channels, including the display of notices at public hospitals (see attached poster).

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