

Monday, 4 October 2021

HA Commences Influenza Vaccination Programme

Public hospitals and out-patient clinics of the Hospital Authority (HA) will start providing seasonal influenza vaccination in phases to eligible persons from coming Wednesday (October 6) to dovetail with the Government Vaccination Programme 2021/22.

The seasonal influenza vaccination programme this year will be carried out in two phases. In the first phase, HA will provide influenza vaccination to eligible patients of public hospitals and out-patient clinics (see attachment for details). Eligible patients may visit the public hospitals and out-patient clinics under HA (excluding 26 General Out Patient Clinics (GOPCs) currently providing COVID-19 vaccination service) for seasonal influenza vaccination.

Eligible patients with regular follow-up at Specialist Out-patient Clinics (SOPCs) and GOPCs are advised to receive vaccination at the time of their scheduled follow-up appointments or they can visit or call the respective clinic for vaccination arrangements after the commencement of the vaccination programme. The HA spokesperson appealed to patients of the aforementioned 26 GOPCs to receive vaccination at the time of their scheduled follow-up appointments after the commencement of second phase of the programme. Patients whose follow-up appointment dates fall outside the vaccination period can visit the respective clinics for necessary arrangements.

The second phase will commence on November 8 to cover the vaccination of community elderly people aged 65 or above at all GOPCs under HA. Poultry workers, pig farmers and people who are involved in poultry culling operations or the pig-slaughtering industry, as referred by relevant government departments, can also receive seasonal influenza vaccination in selected GOPCs.

Dr Vivien Chuang, Chief Manager (Infection, Emergency and Contingency) of HA appealed to members of the public to receive early vaccination to enhance immunity against influenza. “The COVID-19 epidemic has not been subdued yet and, according to overseas studies, the mortality rate of COVID-19 is lower for those with flu vaccination. Studies have also shown patients infected with influenza and COVID-19 are likely to suffer from a more serious clinical condition and their mortality rate tends to be higher.

“The seasonal vaccines are very safe. Protection through seasonal influenza

vaccination will develop in about two to four weeks after inoculation and last for at least six months. It is usually well tolerated apart from occasional soreness or swelling at the injection site. Some people may have fever, muscle and joint pain, and tiredness after vaccination. The signs will usually subside in one or two days. Anyone with influenza symptoms, fever or severe illness should defer the vaccination until they have recovered.” She said.

Dr Chuang reminded the public that it is recommended to have an interval of at least 14 days between the administration of seasonal influenza vaccination and a COVID-19 vaccine (Comirnaty or CoronaVac).

Members of the public can enquire about the details of this year’s seasonal influenza vaccination programme at the respective SOPCs or GOPCs they are attending, or make enquiries on the HA hotline 2300 6555 during office hours or visit the following website: <https://www.ha.org.hk/goto/gvp202122/en/>. The HA has already started promoting the vaccination programme through different channels, including the display of notices at prominent places at public hospitals, SOPCs and GOPCs.

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2021/2022

季節性流感防疫注射計劃

Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme



HA Website
醫管局網頁

由 **2021年10月6日起**，醫院管理局（醫管局）會分階段為以下合資格人士於轄下醫院、專科或普通科門診*（不包括夜間、星期日及公眾假期門診）提供季節性流感防疫注射。有關人士請於接種疫苗時出示疫苗注射記錄咭、有關部門發出的證明文件及身份證明文件。

The Hospital Authority (HA) will provide seasonal influenza vaccination to the following eligible groups of people at hospitals, specialist or general out-patient clinics (excluding Evening, Sundays' & Public Holidays' Clinics) under the HA by phases starting from **6 October 2021**. Eligible persons must present Government Vaccination Record Card, valid documents issued by relevant departments and identity document when receiving the vaccination.

季節性流感疫苗與2019冠狀病毒病疫苗（復必泰或克爾來福）的建議接種間隔時間為 **最少14天**。

It is suggested to have an interval of **at least 14 days** between administration of influenza vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine (BioNTech/Fosun [Comirnaty] or Sinovac [CoronaVac]).

有高風險情況或需要長期服用亞士匹林的兒科門診病人

Paediatric outpatients with high risk conditions or on long term aspirin therapy

65歲或以上，在專科或普通科門診求診的長者

(1956年或以前出生人士：於2021年10月6日開始。1957年或以前出生人士：於2022年1月1日開始)

Non-institutionalised elders aged 65 years or above followed up in public clinics

(Persons born in 1956 or before: starting from 6 October 2021. Persons born in 1957 or before: starting from 1 January 2022)

在醫管局轄下門診求診的智障人士

Persons with intellectual disability followed up in public clinics

在醫管局轄下門診求診的領取傷殘津貼人士

Persons receiving Disability Allowance followed up in public clinics

下列領取綜援或持有效醫療費用減免證明書人士：

- 在醫管局轄下診所接受產前檢查之孕婦
- 有高風險情況人士
- 50歲或以上人士
(1971年或以前出生人士：於2021年10月6日開始。1972年或以前出生人士：2022年1月1日開始)
- 12歲至49歲，正領取標準金額類別為「殘疾程度達100%」或「需要經常護理」的人士 (在接種當日須符合年齡)

Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients or holders of Valid Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges under the following categories:

- Pregnant women with antenatal appointments in public clinics
- Persons with high risk conditions
- Persons aged 50 years or above
(Persons born in 1971 or before: starting from 6 October 2021. Persons born in 1972 or before: starting from 1 January 2022)
- Persons aged between 12 and 49 years receiving standard rate of "100% disabled" or "requiring constant attendance" (Need to be within the age group on the vaccination day)

65歲或以上人士

(於普通科門診接受防疫注射)

(1956年或以前出生人士：於2021年11月8日開始。1957年或以前出生人士：於2022年1月1日開始)

Community living elders aged 65 years or above

(Receive vaccination at general out-patient clinics)

(Persons born in 1956 or before: starting from 8 November 2021. Persons born in 1957 or before: starting from 1 January 2022)

從事飼養及屠宰家禽或豬隻行業人士

(會透過內部安排到醫管局轄下的指定診所接受防疫注射)

Poultry workers, pig farmers and people involved in poultry culling operation or pig-slaughtering industry

(Vaccination at HA designated clinics will be arranged by respective organisation)

Starting from 開始
OCTOBER 10月
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*26間

普通科門診診所除外，
詳細資料請瀏覽醫管局網頁。
Excluding
26 general out-patient clinics,
please visit the HA website
for more information.

Starting from 開始
NOVEMBER 11月
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有關服務安排之詳情，可向各診所查詢，或致電醫管局熱線
For more information, please contact the individual clinics, or call the HA Enquiry Hotline at

2300 6555