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Dear Supervisors/ Principals of all Primary Schools (including primary section of special schools),

**Invitation to participate in the
2023/24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge) Programme**

Thank you very much for your support towards the Seasonal Influenza Vaccination (SIV) School Outreach (Free of Charge) Programme. Since 2018/19, primary school are eligible to enroll in the Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge) Programme. With the keen support of over 580 primary schools, more than 200,000 primary school students benefited from school outreach services and were vaccinated in the last academic year.

Vaccination is one of the most effective ways to prevent seasonal influenza and its complications. According to local study, vaccination reduces the risk of influenza-like illness (ILI) in school children by half. Scientific data and research showed that the majority of paediatric cases of influenza-associated severe complication/death did not receive influenza vaccination.

According to local experience, school outreach can double vaccination coverage rates to an average of 70%, effectively strengthening the immunity barrier of school children. SIV can reduce school absenteeism, and also lower influenza transmission in the community.

We cordially invite all primary school to participate in the 2023/24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge) Programme. Under the Programme, all school children of the participating schools can receive free seasonal influenza vaccination, through Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) vaccination teams.

Schools can choose their service doctor by School Self-selection of Doctors, or they can have the Department of Health (DH) match a service doctor with the school. Please refer

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to **Annex** for details of the Programme. We hereby remind schools to stay clear of associating with any improper financial (or advantage) transactions when choosing your service doctor through School Self-selection of Doctor.

Please return the completed **Form A**. **Nil return is required** (Please return Form A even if your school is not joining). For schools joining through **School Self-selection of Doctors**, please **also return completed Form B**. All relevant forms should be returned to Programme Management and Vaccination Division of the Centre for Health Protection **on or before 30 June 2023** by fax to **2320 8505**, or by email to sivop@dh.gov.hk

We will inform the schools of the application results in late July 2023. For any enquiries, please call our programme hotline at 2125 2128.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. WL YIM)
for Director of Health

Information Sheet**2023/24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge)****Programme****Primary School Outreach**

Objectives of the Programme: The Programme aims to facilitate primary schools in arranging outreach vaccination, so as to increase the seasonal influenza vaccination coverage for school children, to reduce school absenteeism, influenza related complications, hospitalisations and deaths, and to reduce influenza transmission in the community.

Eligibility to join : Under the Programme, all primary schools (including primary section of special schools) can join the Programme. All school children of the participating schools can receive free seasonal influenza vaccination, through Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) vaccination teams*. School may choose their PPP vaccination team through either *School Self-selection of Doctors* or by *DH-matching*.

✧ *School Self-selection of Doctors*

- i. Schools can choose a private doctor/ medical organisation from the list posted on the Centre for Health Protection website: <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/101414.html>.
- ii. Schools with prior outreach vaccination activities may continue the partnership with the previous doctors/ medical organisations.

✧ *DH-matching*

- i. For schools which have not selected a private doctor/ medical organisation, DH would match a service doctor* with the school.

*For schools in remote areas (e.g. out-lying islands) or areas requiring Closed Road Permit or Closed Area Permit (e.g. Lantau Island, Sha Tau Kok), DH may arrange DH Vaccination Team to provide the outreach vaccination service.

Schedule of the vaccination activities: The school should fix the dates of vaccination activities for the 1st and 2nd dose with the service doctor. The outreach vaccination activity should be conducted from 8AM to 3PM on school days (Monday to Friday).

- ✧ The 1st dose should be completed within TWO days.
- ✧ The 2nd dose should be completed within ONE day, with at least 4 weeks apart from 1st dose. To ensure adequate immunity against seasonal influenza, children under 9 years of age who have never received any seasonal influenza vaccination before are recommended to receive 2 doses of SIV.

Types of vaccines being used: The Department of Health (DH) will provide Inactivated Seasonal Influenza Vaccines (Injectable Type) for Primary School Outreach.

Delivery arrangement: For the 1st dose activity, DH will arrange the delivery of the vaccines directly to the Primary Schools; while for the 2nd dose, DH will deliver the vaccines directly or via the service doctors to the schools.

Roles and responsibilities of schools: Since schools are provided with vaccination services free of charge, they do not need to conduct tendering or quotation exercise when choosing a doctor. Schools are reminded to stay clear of associating with any improper financial (or advantage) transactions when choosing your service doctor through School Self-selection of Doctor.

Schools are responsible for:-

- 1) Distributing and collecting consent forms;
- 2) Verifying the particulars of the students provided in the consent forms;
- 3) Arranging vaccination venue;
- 4) Preparing the flow for vaccination day(s) (complete the 1st dose within 2 days; and completing 2nd dose within 1 day, with at least 4 weeks apart from 1st dose);
- 5) Assisting in the operation of the vaccination team during the vaccination activities; and,
- 6) Providing locked cabinet(s) for temporary storage of clinical waste in case same day collection of clinical waste cannot be arranged.

Announcement of the application results

The schools will be informed the **application and the matching results in July 2023**.

Remarks

For schools that are not interested in joining the 2023/24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge) Programme or wish to provide SIV to students after the application deadline of the Programme, they can invite private doctors from the Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS) School Outreach (Extra Charge Allowed) (website: <http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/101452.html>) to provide outreach vaccination at schools. All school children of the participating schools can receive seasonal influenza vaccination with subsidy from the Government. Private doctors under the Scheme may impose **extra charges**. Schools can discuss with the private doctors for the type of vaccine to be used. School staff and students' family members can also receive vaccination under the outreach vaccination activity, but the Government only provides subsidy to persons of VSS eligible groups. Non-eligible persons can join the activity via self-payment.

Enrolment Form A

2023/24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge) Programme Primary School Outreach

Please return this Form A to Programme Management and Vaccination Division, Emergency Response and Programme Management Branch of the Centre for Health Protection **by fax or email** (Fax Number: 2320 8505/ Email Address: sivop@dh.gov.hk) on or before 30 June 2023.

Please put “✓” into the appropriate box(es).

1. Will your school apply to the 2023/24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge) Programme?

- Yes (Please continue to **Question 2**)
 No (Application form ends. Please provide school information, sign below and return **Form A**)

2. Will your school select vaccination team by yourself?

- Yes, we opt for School Self-selection of Doctors (Please provide information and sign below and proceed to **Form B**. Please return **both Form A and Form B**.)
 No (Please provide school information, sign below and **return Form A**. DH will match a service doctor with the school.)

Name of School :

School Address :

Number of Students:

Region of the School:

Hong Kong/ Kowloon/
New Territories East/ New Territories West

Telephone Number:

Email Address :

Fax no. :

Signature of School
Representative:

Name of School Representative:

Rank of School Representative:

Date :

	School Chop :

Enrolment Form B

2023/24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge) Programme **Primary School Outreach**

Information of Selected Service Doctor

Once your school has selected a service doctor and reached mutual agreement, please complete this **Form B** and return to Programme Management and Vaccination Division, Emergency Response and Programme Management Branch of the Centre for Health Protection **by fax or email (Fax Number: 2320 8505/ Email Address: sivop@dh.gov.hk) on or before 30 June 2023.**

Name of School: _____

Part I - To be filled by school

Our school **agrees** to join the 2023/24 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge) Programme and has contacted the following doctor/medical organisation to provide free influenza vaccination to students.

Name of doctor: _____

Name of medical organisation: _____

Part II – To be filled by the service doctor

I **agree** to provide outreach vaccination services to the above school under School Self-selection of Doctors.

Signature of Enrolled Doctor :

Contact person:

Rank of Contact person:

Telephone number of
doctor/medical organisation:

**Clinic/ Medical
Organisation Chop :**

To be submitted by school representative after completing Part I and Part II

Signature of School Representative :

Name of School Representative

Rank of School Representative:

Telephone Number:

Date:

School Chop: