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Dear Supervisors/ Principals of all Secondary Schools (including Secondary Section of Special Schools),

Invitation to participate in the
2022/23 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge) Programme

The Department of Health (DH) is cordially inviting all secondary schools to participate in the 2022/23 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge) Programme.

According to the latest recommendation of the Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases under the Centre for Health Protection, secondary school students are included in the priority groups for 2022/23 influenza season after reviewing scientific updates, local studies and overseas practices. An increase in local population susceptible to influenza is expected because of the very low levels of influenza activity since the end of the mild influenza season in 2019/20. Having secondary school students as another priority group for this season's influenza vaccination could prevent possible school outbreaks and community transmission.

Starting from November 10, the SIV School Outreach Programme will be extended to secondary school students. According to local experience, school outreach vaccination programme for SIV significantly improved influenza vaccine coverage. Vaccination reduces occurrence of influenza-like illness (ILI). Schools with outreach vaccination had significantly lower risk of ILI outbreaks in schools than schools without outreach vaccination.

Under the Programme, all school children of the participating schools can receive free seasonal influenza vaccination, through Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) vaccination teams. The DH will provide Inactivated Seasonal Influenza Vaccines (Injectable Type) for Secondary School Outreach. Schools can choose their service doctor by School Self-selection of Doctors. For schools which have not self-selected their doctor, DH can match a service doctor

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with the school. Please refer to **Annexes** for details of the Programme.

For those schools not participating in the above free-of-charge programme, they can invite doctors providing outreach vaccination under the Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS) from the list published on the CHP's website (https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/list_of_doctors_providing_vaccination_at_non_clinic_settings_en.pdf) to arrange outreach vaccination service at their campus under the VSS School Outreach (Extra Charge Allowed). Other VSS outreach in non-school settings as well as clinics of private doctors enrolled in the VSS can also provide free/subsidised SIV to secondary school students or Hong Kong residents aged 6 months to below 18. Please refer to **Annexes** for details.

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 1 November 2022** by fax to **2320 8505**, or by email to sivop@dh.gov.hk.

We will inform the schools of the application results by **mid November 2022**. For any enquiries, please call our programme hotline at 2125 2128.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. WL YIM)
for Director of Health

Information Sheet

2022/23 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge)

Programme (SIVSOP)

Secondary School Outreach

Objectives of the Programme: The Programme aims to facilitate secondary 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 arrangement for 2022/23 influenza season, all secondary schools (including secondary section of special schools) can join the SIVSOP 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>.

✧ *DH-matching*

- i. For schools which have not selected a private doctor/ medical organisation, DH can 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 with the service doctor. Under SIVSOP, the outreach vaccination activity should be conducted from 8AM to 3PM on school days (Monday to Friday) and completed within TWO days.

Types of vaccines being used: The Department of Health (DH) will provide Inactivated Seasonal Influenza Vaccines (Injectable Type) for school outreach under SIVSOP.

Delivery arrangement: DH will arrange the delivery of vaccines directly to the Secondary 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 vaccine dose within 2 days)
- 5) Assisting in the operation of the vaccination team during the vaccination activities;
- 6) Cooperating with vaccination team to implement Infection Control measures for COVID-19; and
- 7) 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 mid-November 2022**.

Other channels to receive Seasonal influenza vaccination

For schools that choose not to join SIVSOP (free of charge) or have missed the application deadline of SIVSOP, 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 such 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. For eligible students who do not receive SIV at schools, they can receive subsidised SIV at private clinics enrolled in VSS (website: <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/46199.html>).

Enrolment Form A

2022/23 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge)

Secondary 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 1 November 2022.

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

1. Will your school apply for the 2022/23 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge) Programme?

☐ Yes (Please continue to **Question 3**)

☐ No. Reason of not joining: _____

(Please continue to **Question 2**)

2. Will your school arrange school outreach influenza vaccination through Vaccination Subsidy Scheme School Outreach (Extra Charge Allowed)

(<https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/100634.html>)?

☐ Yes (Application form ends. Please provide school information, sign below and **return Form A** and please liaise directly with Doctor on the VSS doctor list: https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/list_of_doctors_providing_vaccination_at_non_clinic_settings_en.pdf)

☐ No. (Application form ends. Please provide school information, sign below and **return Form A**)

3. 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. :

Name of School Representative:

Rank of School Representative:

Date :

School Chop :

Enrolment Form B

2022/23 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge)

Secondary 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 1 November 2022.

Name of School: _____

Part I - To be filled by school

Our school **agrees** to join the 2022/23 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge) 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:

Dear Supervisors/ Principals/ Teacher- in- Charge,

**2022/23 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge)
Programme (SIVSOP)**

Invitation to School Briefing Session – Secondary Schools

According to the latest recommendation of the Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases under the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health, secondary school students are included in the priority groups for 2022/23 influenza season. Starting from November 10, the SIV School Outreach Programme will be extended to secondary school students.

Further to our invitation for your school's participation in 2022/23 SIVSOP, we now cordially invite you to attend an online school briefing session (either session 1 or session 2) to provide you an overview of the Programme. Contents of two sessions are the same.

Details are as follows:

	Session 1	Session 2
Date:	28 October 2022 (Friday)	
Time:	11:00-12:15	14:00-15:15
Language:	Cantonese	
Mode	Via ZOOM Webinar	
ZOOM Webinar Details:	ZOOM Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81104718604?pwd=TXFJYW44NElwWUdSenBWNW5VRGx1QT09 Webinar ID: 811 0471 8604 Passcode: 924778	ZOOM Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82739117690?pwd=aEFLd0p5SGRQc3NERVVNZVdsa3dSdz09 Webinar ID: 827 3911 7690 Passcode: 545496

Attached please find rundown of the briefing sessions (Annex 3) for your reference.

Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact us at 2125 2128. Thank you very much for your support and we look forward to your participation.

Yours sincerely,
Programme Management and Vaccination Division
Centre for Health Protection
Department of Health

**2022/23 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge)
Programme**

Briefing Sessions for Secondary Schools

RUNDOWN

Session 1 (AM):

Date: 28 October 2022 (Friday)

Time: 11:00 – 12:15

Venue: Via ZOOM Webinar

Session 2 (PM):

Date: 28 October 2022 (Friday)

Time: 14:00 – 15:15

Venue: Via ZOOM Webinar

TIME (AM)	TIME (PM)	CONTENT	SPEAKER
11:00 a.m.– 11:05 a.m.	2:00 p.m.– 2:05 p.m.	Introduction	SIVSOP Admin team
11:05 a.m.– 11:20 a.m.	2:05 p.m.– 2:20 p.m.	Know More about Seasonal Influenza Vaccine (SIV)	Medical and Health Officer
11:20 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.	2:20 p.m.– 2:35 p.m.	Preparation to be Done by Schools Before the Vaccination Day	Nursing Officer
11:35 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.	2:35 p.m.– 2:55 p.m.	Arrangement on the Vaccination Day and Upon Completion of Vaccination	Nursing Officer
11:55 a.m. – 12: 15 p.m.	2:55 p.m.– 3:15 p.m.	Question & Answer Session	All speakers

2022/23季度，兒童及青少年 可獲免費／資助接種季節性流感疫苗

In 2022/23 season, children and adolescents
could receive **free/ subsidised** seasonal influenza vaccination

6個月至未滿18歲的人士或香港中學生，可透過學校外展
疫苗接種計劃或參與疫苗資助計劃的私家醫生接種流感疫苗

Persons of age between 6 months and less than 18 years, or
secondary school students in Hong Kong, can receive influenza
vaccination through School Outreach Vaccination Programme or
private doctors enrolled in the Vaccination Subsidy Scheme

流感、新型冠狀病毒及其他呼吸道病原或會在流感季節同時
出現，**接種流感疫苗**可預防出現學校爆發和社區傳播，從
而紓緩醫療系統的壓力。

Influenza, SARS-CoV-2 and other respiratory pathogens might
co-circulate in the influenza season. **Influenza vaccination** could
prevent possible school outbreaks and community transmission,
thereby relieving the potential pressure on the healthcare system.

請儘早接種**流感疫苗**

Please receive
influenza vaccination early



疫苗接種計劃
(兒童及青少年)



Vaccination Schemes
(Children and Adolescents)

流感疫苗可與新冠疫苗同時、之前或之後的任何時間接種。
如果欲分開時間接種此兩種疫苗，相隔14日即可。

Influenza vaccine can be received at the same time as, or any
time before, or after COVID-19 vaccine. If one wishes to space out
the two vaccines, an interval of 14 days is sufficient.

