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Dear Supervisors/ Principals/ Teacher-in-charge of all Primary Schools and
Secondary Schools (including Primary and Secondary Section of Special Schools),

Invitation to School Briefing Session on
2024/25 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach Programme

Seasonal influenza vaccination (SIV) is one of the most effective ways to prevent seasonal influenza and its complications. Vaccinating school-aged children can reduce students' absence from schools due to illness, lower influenza transmission in the community and most importantly reduce influenza-associated severe complications and deaths. Based on the latest local epidemiological data, majority of severe paediatric influenza cases have not received influenza vaccination. Hence, it is of paramount importance to encourage parents to arrange vaccination for their children early for season 2024/25 to enhance personal protection.

Schools are places where people gather and infectious diseases such as influenza could be easily spread among students through their daily contacts. Local experiences showed that schools which arranged outreach vaccination activities have doubled vaccination coverage rates among students, which effectively strengthens the immunity barrier. We are pleased to announce that through the collaborative efforts of participating schools, 95% of primary schools and 70% of secondary schools in Hong Kong enrolled the Department of Health's SIV school outreach programmes in the 2023/24 season.



In the upcoming 2024/25 season, the Department of Health will continue to implement the **Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge) Programme** and **VSS School Outreach (Extra Charge Allowed) Programme** to provide SIV for all students in Hong Kong. Schools are strongly encouraged to arrange school outreach vaccination activities for their students. Invitation letters for enrolment to 2024/25 SIV School Outreach Programme will be sent through Education Bureau to all schools around mid-June 2024.

To provide more details on the arrangement for the **2024/25 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach (Free of Charge) Programme** and **VSS School Outreach (Extra Charge Allowed) Programme**, we would like to invite representative(s) of your school to attend the following online school briefing session:

Title:	School Briefing Session on 2024/25 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach Programme
Date:	7 June 2024 (Friday)
Time:	14:30 -15:30
Language:	Cantonese
Mode:	Via ZOOM Webinar
Registration method:	Please fill in attached registration form and email to sivop@dh.gov.hk for registration.

Please fill in the attached registration form and reply email to sivop@dh.gov.hk on or before **3 June 2024** for registration.

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

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. Darwin Mak)

for Controller, Centre for Health Protection
Department of Health

2024/25 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach Programme

2024/25 季節性流感疫苗學校外展計劃學校簡介會

Registration Form 報名表

- Primary Schools/ Secondary Schools 小學/中學

Please return this form to Programme Management and Vaccination Division, Emergency Response and Programme Management Branch of the Centre for Health Protection by email (Email Address: sivop@dh.gov.hk) **on or before 3 June 2024** for registration of the school briefing session.

請於 2024 年 6 月 3 日或之前以電郵方式交回此表格至衛生防護中心項目管理及疫苗計劃科（電郵地址：sivop@dh.gov.hk）登記參加學校簡介會。

1. Name of participating school: 學校名稱	
2. Email address of the attendees (for receiving ZOOM link): 出席者的電郵地址 (用以接收 ZOOM 鏈結)	
3. Number of attendees: 出席人數	
4. Name of contact person: 聯絡人名稱	
5. Contact number: 聯絡電話	