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Hospital Authority reminds public on flu vaccination

The Hospital Authority (HA) spokesperson today (26 January) said that the current stockpile of influenza vaccines at general outpatient clinics (GOPCs) under the Government Vaccination Programme (GVP) is maintained at the level of around 20,000 doses. When individual clinic foresees the stockpile of vaccines is going to deplete soon or when the vaccines had already been depleted, announcement notice will be displayed in prominent areas at the clinic to inform the public. Furthermore, announcement will also be made through HA website and mobile app on the list of GOPC's where stock of vaccines is still available.

Under the GVP, public hospitals and GOPCs have already provided vaccination to more than 330,000 people since the commencement of programme on 3 November last year.

The spokesperson emphasised that HA has been in close liaison with the Department of Health on the supply of influenza vaccines. According to the schedule of new order of vaccines by DH, the replenishment stock will arrive at the earliest possible in early February. HA by then will continue to provide the vaccination service to eligible persons at its clinics.

The spokesperson reminded the members of the public not to receive the vaccination when they are having influenza symptoms, fever or severe illness. The vaccination is not suitable for anyone having the above symptoms. Members of the public are welcome to make enquiry at the HA hotline 2300 6555 during office hours or visit the HA website (<http://www.ha.org.hk/goto/GVP201718/EN>) for detailed information.

(Remarks): Eligible persons under the vaccination programme include the following categories:

1. Paediatric outpatients with chronic medical problems or on long term aspirin therapy
2. Community elders aged 65 or above
3. Recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) or Hong Kong Residents who hold valid Certificate for Waiver of Medical Charges under the following categories:
 - i. Persons with chronic medical problems of all ages
 - ii. Persons aged 50 or above
 - iii. All pregnant women with antenatal appointments in public clinics
4. Non-institutionalized persons with intellectual disability and being treated at public hospitals or followed up in public clinics
5. Persons receiving Disability Allowance and being treated at public hospitals or followed up in public clinics

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