

Indemnity Fund for Adverse Events Following Immunization with Coronavirus Disease-2019 Vaccines

Finance Committee of the Legislative Council has approved to set up an Indemnity Fund for Adverse Events Following Immunization with Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) Vaccines (AEFI Fund). The Fund is to provide financial support to eligible individuals who have proof of suffering unexpected serious adverse events (SAEs) (including death and serious injury) associated with COVID-19 vaccine.

People who suffer unexpected SAEs associated with a vaccine should seek help from medical professionals. People should pay close attention to the health condition and seek medical assistance if feels unwell after vaccination. In seeking medical consultation, make sure to tell the healthcare professionals about the vaccination details and show them the vaccination record card if available. The healthcare professionals will offer advice, manage the health condition and make proper assessment for reporting to the Department of Health any adverse event following immunisation that is deemed medically significant.

All SAEs should be reported by medical professionals through the [platform](#) of Department of Health. After a report arising from an SAE is received, [Expert Committee on Clinical Events Assessment following COVID-19 Immunization](#) will conduct causality assessment. The affected individual will be eligible for a lump-sum payment at a level corresponding to the event under the Fund if the below two conditions are met –

- (a) there is certification by a registered medical practitioner of the SAE;
and
- (b) the evaluation outcome of the Expert Committee cannot rule out that the event is not associated with the administration of a vaccine under the Government's COVID-19 Vaccination Programme.

For (a), as an additional safeguard, the affected individual may be required to undergo medical examination by public sector doctors if necessary.

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