

## COVID-19 vaccination venues





#### 1. Community Vaccination Centres / **Private Clinic Covid-19 Vaccination Stations**

(The elderly can get vaccinated free of charge without prior bookings as long as quotas of vaccinations are available. Assistance for making online bookings is available at post offices or the estate management offices of the public housing estates where they reside.)

- 2. COVID-19 Vaccination Stations at public hospitals
- 3. Designated general outpatient clinics of the Hospital Authority
- 4. Designated clinics of the Department of Health
- 5. Designated private clinics
- 6. Residential care homes for the elderly, residential care homes for persons with disabilities and nursing homes

(Vaccines are administered by outreach vaccination teams or visiting medical officers.)

- 7. Vaccination events in districts
- 8. Home Vaccination Services

(For persons aged 70 or above or with disabilities or chronic diseases incapable of going out to receive vaccination, and have not received any COVID-19 vaccine.)

For further information on vaccines and vaccination appointments, please visit: www.covidvaccine.gov.hk





# Vaccines Give Protection The Elderly Should Receive COVID-19 Vaccination





### Infected elderlies risk severe illness

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is caused by a new coronavirus. Complications of infection may include respiratory failure, sepsis, blood clots, multi-organ failure, etc.

Older people and those with underlying medical problems (e.g. hypertension, heart and lung problems, diabetes, obesity or cancer) are at higher risk of serious illness or death.

## The elderly are at highest risk

Compared with people aged between 20 and 29 years, the death rate for the older age groups is much higher

60-69 years 33 times higher
70-79 years 135 times higher
80 years or above 850 times higher



(Based on local data published on 24 September 2022)

COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective in preventing death

Number of doses of vaccines received	Case fatality rate
Unvaccinated	15.0%
One dose	7.1%
Two doses	3.6%
Three doses	1.2%
Four doses	0.3%

Case fatality rate of persons aged 80 years or above with different number of doses of vaccines received (based on local data published on 24 September 2022)

According to local data as of 24 September 2022, patients aged 80 years or above (unvaccinated) had the highest case fatality rate (15.0%), followed by patients aged 70-79 (unvaccinated) (4.7%). The risk of hospitalisation increases with age.

## **Get vaccinated for effective protection**

COVID-19 vaccines provide effective protection against infection and reduce the risk of serious illness and death among the elderly (including those in residential care homes).

Experts recommend that elderly people receiving influenza vaccines can safely receive COVID-19 vaccines on the same day.





A person contracting influenza and COVID-19 at the same time may be more seriously ill and has a higher risk of death.

The elderly with chronic disease(s) should get vaccinated as soon as possible for protection when the condition is stable.

For best protection against COVID-19, vaccinated people should continue to follow other precautionary measures, including maintaining social distancing and good hand hygiene, and wearing a mask in public areas.

For the frailest elderlies, the benefit versus risk may have to be carefully weighed.