

## “K.Wah Cares” Vaccination Subsidy Programme

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. Who can join the programme?

- TWGHs community service users/ students and their parents and immediate family members
- Individuals who, according to the government, are eligible for receiving the first vaccine dose; and
- Those who belong to one of the groups below:
  - a. Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme
  - b. Old Age Living Allowance (OALA)
  - c. The School Textbook Assistance (TA) Scheme
  - d. Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme
  - e. Community Care Fund (CCF)
  - f. Short-term Food Assistance Service
  - g. Beneficiary of any subsidy/financial assistance scheme of tuition fee offered by Student Finance Office
  - h. Household income below the respective Income Limit for Public Rental Housing in previous month, if not of any of the 7 groups above

#### 2. Does the programme have a quota?

There are 4,000 quotas on a first-come-first-served basis. All applicants have to be eligible according to the criteria listed in question 1.

#### 3. Is there a limit for the subsidy quota per family?

No. As long as the applicant is a current TWGHs service user, student and their immediate family can apply for the programme. Each successful applicant will receive a fixed sum of \$500 subsidy.

#### 4. Is there an income limit?

Yes. If an applicant does not belong to any of the 7 beneficiaries mentioned above, his family income must not exceed the Income and Asset Limits for public housing in previous month. For details, please refer to the Housing Authority website: <https://www.housingauthority.gov.hk/tc/flat-application/income-and-asset-limits/index.html>

If your immediate family member is already a TWGHs service user who is eligible for the programme, you can also apply for the subsidy without any assessment needed.

**5. What is the application deadline?**

The application deadline is 29 August 2021 or while quota lasts, whichever is earlier.

**6. I am a TWGHs service user/parent of TWGHs student and has no plan of getting vaccinated but is willing to become an applicant for my family members. Can I submit the application?**

Yes. You can only assist your immediate family members in applying for the subsidy but you will not receive the subsidy yourself. The aim of the programme is to encourage vaccination to attain herd immunity among the wider public.

**7. My immediate family member is a TWGHs service user who has already been vaccinated and encourages me to get a vaccination. Can I obtain the subsidy through his application?**

Yes. Your family member can only assist you in applying for the subsidy but he/she will not receive the subsidy himself/herself. The aim of the programme is to encourage vaccination to attain herd immunity among the wider public.

**8. After the application is in principle approved, the applicant and his/her immediate family have been notified that they can now go for the first vaccine dose. However, they were assessed to be 'unsuitable' for vaccination by a registered doctor prior to the vaccination. Can they obtain the subsidy?**

Yes. But you will only receive subsidy upon presenting a doctor's certificate stating that you are unfit for vaccination.

**9. My immediate family member is a TWGHs service user who has already made an appointment for vaccination before this subsidy programme is announced, and is going to receive the first dose of vaccination on the day the subsidy programme begins. Can the applicant obtain the subsidy afterwards?**

No. The primary purpose of the programme is to subsidise any expenses incurred from health checks prior to vaccination, transportation fees and other related expenses arising from obtaining a leave of absence from work for vaccination.

**10. If the applicant has already received his first dose of vaccination before the programme is announced, can he/she and his/her immediate family member obtain the subsidy for their second dose after the programme is announced?**

No. The aim of the programme is to encourage vaccination to attain herd immunity among the wider public. Therefore, only those receiving the first dose after the programme has started will be subsidized.

**11. Can I join the programme if I am not a TWGHs service user?**

This programme is for TWGHs service users only. Any immediate family member of an eligible service user can also join.

**12. I am interested in the subsidy programme. How do I become a TWGHs service user?**

TWGHs community services include Elderly Services, Rehabilitation Services, Youth and Family Services, as well as Specialized Counselling Services for quitting and preventing addiction, smoking cessation and healthy budgeting.

Members of the public can apply to become service users through our Neighbourhood Elderly Centres, District Elderly Community Centres, Integrated Family Service Centres and Integrated Services Centre.

If you are interested in becoming a TWGHs service user, please visit <http://www.tungwahcsd.org/tc/our-services> to find out more about our services, the targets they serve and ways to apply.

If you are currently followed up by a medical practitioner or social worker, please consult them on the TWGHs services that are suitable for you.

**13. How do I find out more information?**

Please e-mail: [csd-kwtwvaccine2021@tungwah.org.hk](mailto:csd-kwtwvaccine2021@tungwah.org.hk)

If you are a TWGHs student and family member, please contact your school directly for further enquiry.