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Appealing to Adults to Receive COVID-19 Vaccination for the psychosocial and physical health of our children

Since the COVID-19 pandemic struck the world over a year ago, there has been no sign of abatement. In order to protect vulnerable individuals within our society such as the children, elderly and chronically ill, our children have been subject to social distancing measures, including school closures and reduction of peer interactions. As these measures have continued, we have seen our children increasingly suffer from psychosocial morbidity. These adverse effects disproportionately impact our children with special needs as well as those who were already financially deprived. Widespread uptake of the COVID-19 vaccines amongst healthy adults is one of the most important strategies to safely reopen our schools and provide a normal social environment for our children.

From the recently published scientific article by the Hong Kong paediatric infectious disease experts in JAMA Network Open, household transmission was shown to be the major route that children and youths contracted the SARS-CoV2 infection. COVID-19 immunisation of adults in the household and carers of children and youths not only protects themselves against any infection when they undertake activities outside of home, but very importantly, is an effective and safe way to protect our younger generation for whom there is no licensed vaccine to offer.

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, The Hong Kong Paediatric Society and The Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Immunology Allergy and Infectious Diseases jointly appeal to adult household members and carers (aged > 16 years inclusive) to receive the COVID-19 vaccine for our children's psychosocial and physical health.