

Note on Hong Kong's Vaccination Programme

Overview	<p>The Government is implementing a territory-wide COVID-19 Vaccination Programme free of charge for all Hong Kong residents.</p> <p>The Government has purchased a total of 22.5 million doses of three different vaccines, sufficient to vaccinate all Hong Kong residents. One million doses of the Sinovac vaccine and a total of around 1.3 million doses of the Fosun Pharma/BioNTech vaccine have arrived in Hong Kong as at 7 March 2021.</p> <p>Individuals will be able to select which vaccine they wish to be given. They can reserve the time and place for vaccination through a 24-hour booking system on the designated website (www.covidvaccine.gov.hk).</p>
Types of vaccines purchased and dosage	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sinovac - Two doses, the second preferably 28 days after the first. 2. Fosun Pharma/BioNTech - Two doses given at least 21 days apart. 3. AstraZeneca - Two doses given four to twelve weeks apart.
Priority Groups	<p>The following persons will be covered by the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Persons aged 30 years or above (a maximum of two carers who accompany elderly people aged 70 or above can also receive vaccination) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Persons aged 16 to 29 years can begin making vaccination bookings at the thematic website or designated private clinics from 9am on 23 April 2021 ○ The minimum age for receiving the BioNTech vaccine is 16, and that for receiving the Sinovac vaccine is 18. 2. Personnel in healthcare settings and those participating in anti-epidemic related work 3. Residents and staff of residential care homes for the elderly / persons with disabilities 4. Personnel maintaining critical public services (e.g., disciplined services, postal staff and hygiene workers)

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Personnel providing cross-boundary transportation or working at control points and ports (including truck drivers and air crew). 6. Staff of food and beverages premises, markets, supermarkets, convenience stores and couriers (including takeaway food delivery) 7. Staff of local public transport service operators (e.g., taxi/bus/public light bus drivers, train captains and station staff) 8. Registered construction workers 9. Staff of property management companies (e.g., security guards, cleaning staff and property management office staff) 10. Teachers and school staff (e.g., teaching and support staff of kindergartens, primary and secondary schools and universities; staff of special schools; and drivers and escorts of school buses and school private light buses) 11. Staff of the tourism industry 12. Staff of scheduled premises under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) (e.g., staff of fitness centres and beauty parlours) 13. Students studying outside Hong Kong (aged 16 years or above) 14. Domestic helpers
<p>Timeline for the vaccination process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 February 2021: Online booking began for Sinovac vaccine with priority given to priority groups as above. • 26 February 2021: Commencement of Sinovac vaccination for Priority Groups in five Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) and 18 General Outpatient Clinics (GOPCs) of the Hospital Authority. • 2 March 2021: Designated private hospitals and clinics commenced Sinovac vaccination for priority groups. • 6 March 2021: Sinovac vaccination provided for Priority Groups in eight CVCs and 18 GOPCs. • 10 March 2021: Vaccination of BioNTech began for priority groups in seven CVCs operated by the Hospital Authority. • 16 March 2021: Vaccination of BioNTech begins for priority groups in 12 newly added CVCs. • 23 April 2021: Persons aged 16 to 29 can begin making reservations through the online booking system
<p>Venues for vaccination</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Government has set up 29 CVCs in the 18 districts in Hong Kong to provide vaccination services to the public. 2. Only one type of vaccine will be administered in each CVC. Eight CVCs will provide the Sinovac vaccine while twenty-one will provide the Fosun Pharma/BioNTech vaccine. Starting from 1 May 2021, five CVCs will provide Sinovac vaccines while twenty-four will administer BioNTech vaccines. <p>The CVCs are listed below: https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/List_of_CVC_Venues.pdf</p> <p><i>Note: The CVCs are commencing operation in phases, depending on</i></p>

	<p><i>the arrival of the vaccines in Hong Kong, the quantity of vaccines and the situation of vaccination.</i></p> <p>3. GOPCs of the Hospital Authority.</p> <p>The GOPCs are listed below: https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/List_of_HAGOPC_Venues.pdf</p> <p>4. Designated private hospitals and clinics. Over 1,400 private doctors at more than 2,000 clinics are participating in the vaccination programme. Members of the public can choose a private doctor or clinic and make an appointment for vaccination direct with the private doctor or clinic.</p> <p>The designated doctors and clinics are listed below: https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/VSS</p> <p>5. Outreach vaccination service or vaccination will be provided to residential care homes and nursing homes by visiting medical officers under the Residential Care Home Vaccination Programme.</p> <p>The doctors enrolled in the Residential Care Home Vaccination Programme are listed below: https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/RVP</p>
Opening hours of the CVCs and online reservation	<p>8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Monday to Sunday)</p> <p>The priority group may select the vaccine to be inoculated, and reserve the time and place of their first and second doses through the 24-hour online booking system.</p> <p>Details of the online booking for the Fosun Pharma/Pfizer BioNTech vaccine will be announced shortly.</p>
Documents to bring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identity document • Proof of priority group (if applicable, e.g., staff card, warrant card, identity proof issued by Government departments and their service contractors, licence, employer's letter (click here for the sample employer's letter) • SMS message or photocopy of booking confirmation
Vaccination records	<p>After vaccination, members of the public will receive paper vaccination records. They can also download their electronic vaccination records via the "iAM Smart" mobile app, or through the "eHealth" mobile app.</p>

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