

Government announces relaunch of online platform for declaration of non-local vaccination records

The Government announced today (May 19) that the online platform for declaration of non-local vaccination records (www.chp.gov.hk/vac-df/) will be relaunched tomorrow (May 20). The online platform provides an additional channel for declaring non-local vaccination records apart from boundary control points and designated post offices.

Considering that quite a number of persons who arrived in Hong Kong, especially non-Hong Kong residents, hold non-local COVID-19 vaccination records, starting from September last year, the Government has put in place arrangements for relevant persons to declare non-local vaccination records through boundary control points, designated post offices and online means, in order to enable these persons to carry and present the non-local vaccination records in an electronic format.

In view of the latest Vaccine Pass arrangement, the Government has earlier updated the online platform and made respective technical revisions. Starting tomorrow, the following persons may declare their non-local vaccination records through the relaunched online platform and are not required to declare at designated post offices.

Persons who are not required to make declarations again

(1) For persons who have declared non-local vaccination records and non-local recovery records (if applicable) and have been issued with vaccination record QR codes since September last year at boundary control points or designated post offices, if the declared non-local vaccination records and non-local recovery records are already compliant with the respective vaccination requirements under the Vaccine Pass, they may use the relevant QR codes as the Vaccine Pass directly. If the declared record is not yet compliant with the respective vaccination requirements under the Vaccine Pass, they may visit any local vaccination outlet, state their previous vaccination record and receive an additional dose. They will be issued with an updated vaccination record QR code for the Vaccine Pass after receiving vaccination (Note 1).

(2) For persons who have declared non-local vaccination records and non-local recovery records (if applicable) since September last year at boundary control points or designated post offices, if they have subsequently received additional vaccines locally or have been infected and recovered locally (Note 2), they may download the vaccination record QR codes again directly through the Electronic Vaccination and Testing Record System (www.evt.gov.hk) or the "eHealth" mobile application (Note 3). A new function was added to the

Electronic Vaccination and Testing Record System recently. Apart from supporting "iAM Smart" users to download vaccination records, members of the public may also directly verify their personal identity at the system website to download the vaccination record. If members of the public are unsure whether the previously issued vaccination record QR code has reflected their latest vaccination or recovery condition, they may also check the record through the aforementioned function in order to determine whether they are required to redeclare their non-local vaccination record and non-local recovery record (if applicable) through the online platform or designated post offices.

Persons who may use the online platform

(3) Persons who only hold non-local vaccination records and without the need to declare any non-local recovery record may make declarations through the online platform. Upon completing the declaration, they will be issued with the vaccination record QR codes. If the QR code is compliant with the respective vaccination requirements, it may be used for the Vaccine Pass.

(4) Persons who hold both non-local and local vaccination records and without the need to declare any non-local recovery record may make declarations through the online platform, and upload the non-local vaccination records to the Government's Central Vaccination Database for merging with their local vaccination records at the same time, in order to obtain a consolidated QR code with non-local and local dosage. If the QR code is compliant with the respective vaccination requirements, it may be used for the Vaccine Pass. If the relevant person is a locally recovered person as well (Note 2), the vaccination record QR code issued will also incorporate the person's recovery status.

Persons who are required to make declarations through designated post offices

(5) If individual persons have never declared their non-local recovery records at boundary control points but the status is required in order to comply with the respective vaccination requirements under the Vaccine Pass, or if individual persons recovered locally have yet to receive vaccines locally and only hold non-local vaccination records that have yet to be declared, they are still required to visit designated post offices (Note 4) to declare their non-local recovery records and/or non-local vaccination records, and provide the relevant document of proof, in order to obtain the recovery record QR codes or the vaccination record QR codes reflecting their recovery status.

To ensure that members of the public have sufficient time to declare their non-local vaccination records and obtain the vaccination record QR codes through the aforementioned methods, transitional arrangement has been provided for under the Vaccine Pass. Persons who had received COVID-19 vaccines from places outside Hong Kong may directly present their non-local vaccination records and complete the specified form (if applicable), in order to enter specified premises of the Vaccine Pass without the need to scan the

vaccination record QR codes on or before August 31 this year. The Government reminds relevant persons-in-charge of premises to pay attention to the above transitional arrangement.

Note 1: Members of the public are reminded to check that the dose sequence of the local additional dose on the local vaccination record issued has taken into account all of their previous non-local doses.

Note 2: This is only applicable to locally recovered persons with infection records declared, checked and stored in the Government's database.

Note 3: Users of "eHealth" (www.portal.ehealth.gov.hk/app/covid19qr) may download and present family members' (including young children or elderly who are unable to download and manage their vaccination records online by themselves) vaccination records through their mobile phones at the same time. The vaccination record QR codes can also be presented using a single button to enter specified premises of the Vaccine Pass.

Note 4: Members of the public can make use of the online booking service of Hongkong Post

(www.hongkongpost.hk/en/services/non_local_covid19_vr/index.html#list). Same-day tickets are also issued at designated post offices.