

Government continues to increase COVID-19 vaccination uptake through various channels

The Government will continue to increase COVID-19 vaccination uptake through various channels to cater for the public's demand for vaccination and to expedite the pace of vaccination.

Starting from January 21, the number of designated general out-patient clinics (GOPCs) of the Hospital Authority (HA) providing the Sinovac vaccination service will be increased from two to 24. Moreover, the two additional Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) (located at the Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre and Kowloon Bay Sports Centre) will come into service on the same day to provide the BioNTech vaccination service. Reservations can be made starting from 9am on January 18.

"While we are increasing the number of vaccination booths or manpower at CVCs and Hospital COVID-19 Vaccination Stations to fully utilise the vaccination capacity of the venues, we are also preparing for the setting up of two more CVCs by the end of this month so as to further enhance the vaccination uptake. Details will be announced soon," a Government spokesman said today (January 10).

Meanwhile, the distribution of same-day tickets at CVCs (except those located at private hospitals) will be limited to eligible persons aged 60 or above starting from tomorrow (January 11). The new arrangement aims to provide convenience to enable more elderly persons to get vaccinated on the day of distribution, in particular for those who do not understand how to make an online booking.

Eligible persons aged 60 or above can present their Hong Kong identity card (HKID card) to get a same-day ticket at CVCs. They can also authorise their family members to get a ticket on their behalf, provided that the authorised person can present a copy of the authoriser's HKID card. The same-day tickets are distributed daily from 7.45am on a first-come, first-served basis.

Under the new arrangement, accompanying persons will not be arranged to receive vaccination together and separate vaccination appointments are required. The arrangement does not affect the arrangement for persons who have recovered from previous COVID-19 infection and received the first dose of a vaccine six months ago to receive their second dose at CVCs.

The locations of the CVCs as well as the GOPCs of the HA providing the Sinovac vaccination service are listed in Annexes I and II.

Members of the public can also receive COVID-19 vaccination through the

following channels:

* Thirteen Hospital COVID-19 Vaccination Stations are located in Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital, Yan Chai Hospital, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital, Tseung Kwan O Hospital, Caritas Medical Centre, Prince of Wales Hospital, Queen Mary Hospital, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Tuen Mun Hospital, Pok Oi Hospital, North District Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital and Ruttonjee Hospital, providing the BioNTech vaccination service. Prior booking is not required. For details, please visit:

www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/HA_HCVS_Location_ENG.pdf.

* Three Elderly Health Centres (EHCs) under the Department of Health, namely Lam Tin EHC, Sai Ying Pun EHC and Tseung Kwan O EHC, provide walk-in vaccination with the Sinovac vaccine for all persons aged 65 or above. Prior booking is not required. For details, please visit:

www.elderly.gov.hk/eindex.html.

* Over 1 000 private doctors or clinics provide the Sinovac vaccination service. For details, please visit: www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/VSS.

* The private healthcare institutions enrolled in the BioNTech Vaccination Pilot Scheme provide the BioNTech vaccination service to the public at 26 venues. Members of the public can contact these institutions and clinics directly for a vaccination appointment, and booking through the designated website of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme is not required. For enquiry hotlines and vaccination venues, please visit:

www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/PrivatePilotScheme_BNT_en.pdf.

* The service schedule of the two Mobile Vaccination Stations has been uploaded to the website (www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/List_Mobile_Vaccination_Station_ENG.pdf) and will be updated from time to time.

The designated website for the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme (www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/programme) provides the latest information including details on vaccination venues, reservation and enquiry hotlines. Before making an appointment, members of the public should take note of a minimum interval of 14 days between COVID-19 vaccination and any other vaccination (including seasonal influenza vaccination).