

## Over 170 Deloitte staff receive COVID-19 vaccine through outreach vaccination service (with photos/video)

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Patrick Nip, visited the office of Deloitte today (May 18). He was there with the Southern Region Managing Partner of Deloitte China, Mr Edward Au, and the Senior Advisor of Deloitte China, Dr Eliza Chan, to view the administering of a COVID-19 vaccine for staff members of the enterprise as arranged by the Government's outreach vaccination service and to give encouragement for them.

At the invitation of Deloitte, the outreach vaccination service team administered the BioNTech vaccine to over 170 staff members today.

"While the COVID-19 virus is raging across the globe, employees of global professional services enterprises have frequent overseas trips for work and meetings. As such, it is very important for the employees to get vaccinated so as to safeguard their health and maintain normal operation of the enterprises," Mr Nip said.

"In addition to the Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs), the Government is actively extending the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme to various sectors and industries by way of outreach vaccination service. By making use of the resources of those organisations, we hope to provide a more convenient way for their employees to get vaccinated. The outreach vaccination service was launched today and we are in discussion with companies from sectors such as construction, consulting and public utilities to arrange outreach vaccination for their employees.

"The outreach vaccination service is provided by partnering medical organisations operating the CVCs, and the vaccination process is similar to that in the CVCs. Moreover, both kinds of vaccines are available for the outreach service and the delivery of the vaccines will be executed in accordance with the established mechanism and procedures."

Mr Nip called on related enterprises and organisations from various sectors and trades to encourage their employees to get vaccinated. In addition to the CVCs, should the related enterprises and organisations have a sufficient number of employees who would like to receive vaccination and a suitable venue with sufficient space, they can make use of the outreach vaccination service so that their employees can get vaccinated in a more convenient way. They can also encourage all those who are yet to get vaccinated to receive the outreach service as far as possible. Enterprises and organisations can call the hotline for the outreach vaccination service at 3904 1490 from Monday to Friday, from 9am to 6pm, for arrangements.

Mr Nip also expressed his gratitude to the medical team of the CVC at Tseung Kwan O Sports Centre for administering the BioNTech vaccine for Deloitte employees today.

The Vaccination Programme has been expanded to cover all persons aged 16 or above. The minimum age for receiving the BioNTech vaccine is 16, and that for receiving the Sinovac vaccine is 18. Persons in the above age group can make reservations on the designated website of the Vaccination Programme ([www.covidvaccine.gov.hk](http://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk)) for receiving vaccines at 29 CVCs and 21 general out-patient clinics of the Hospital Authority. They can also make appointments for vaccination with private doctors or clinics participating in the programme.

