

## SCS: Sparing no effort to facilitate vaccination of members of public (with photos)

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Patrick Nip, said that the current epidemic situation is of grave concern. To enable more members of the public to receive vaccination for self-protection in a short period of time, the Government is sparing no effort in boosting the speed of vaccination through different ways that bring benefits and convenience to the public.

Mr Nip today (March 12) went to Tsing Yi to inspect the operation of the MTR Tsing Yi Station Community Vaccination Centre (CVC). The centre commenced operation yesterday (March 11) to provide Sinovac CoronaVac vaccination to people aged 3 or above. He also visited the Hong Kong Children's Hospital Children Community Vaccination Centre (CCVC) in Kowloon Bay, which provides Fosun/BioNTech Comirnaty vaccine to children aged 5 to 11.

He said, "The MTR Tsing Yi Station CVC is located at the unpaid area of the Airport Express Concourse (Hong Kong-bound) on the U2 floor of MTR Tsing Yi Station. It not only facilitates residents in the district, but also provides a convenient venue of COVID-19 vaccination to members of the public, in particular the elderly, in the neighbouring districts and along the railway line. I am grateful to the MTR Corporation Limited for providing the venue free of charge so that more people can be protected by COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

"While face-to-face classes are still suspended in schools, the epidemic situation in the community is severe and students yet to get vaccinated should receive vaccination as soon as possible for their own protection. Those already vaccinated should also receive their second or third dose on time so as to maintain the protection conferred by the vaccination, thereby reducing their risk of falling seriously ill and dying should they get infected, and to prepare for the future resumption of classes."

The two vaccination centres open daily from 8am to 8pm and are closed between 1.30pm and 2.30pm for cleaning. In addition to making prior bookings for vaccination, the MTR Tsing Yi Station CVC also distributes same-day tickets to persons aged 60 or above.

Persons receiving the vaccination have to bring along original identity documents. If children's identity documents do not bear the child's photo, such as the birth certificate, then school documents (such as school handbooks) bearing a photo of the student must be presented at the time of vaccination.

For children and teenagers aged 3 to 17 receiving the Sinovac vaccine, they must bring along a consent form signed by their parents on the date of

vaccination. Please use the following version of consent form ([www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/Consent\\_Form\\_for\\_COVID19\\_Vaccination\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/Consent_Form_for_COVID19_Vaccination_ENG.pdf)). In addition, children aged 3 to 11 receiving the Sinovac vaccine must be accompanied by their parents/guardians in person when receiving vaccination.

As the BioNTech vaccine for children requires a special dilution procedure, children aged 5 to 11 must receive the BioNTech vaccine at the four CCVCs and must be accompanied by their parents/guardians in person when receiving vaccination. They must bring along a consent form of the following version signed by their parents on the date of vaccination ([www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/Consent\\_Form\\_for\\_Fractional\\_BioNTech\\_Vaccination\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/Consent_Form_for_Fractional_BioNTech_Vaccination_ENG.pdf)).

The designated website for the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme ([www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/programme](http://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/programme)) provides the latest information including vaccination venues, reservation and enquiry hotlines.



