## <u>Additional Community Vaccination</u> <u>Centre to be set up in Causeway Bay</u> <u>business district</u>

The Government will set up a Satellite Community Vaccination Centre (SCVC) in Leighton Centre in Causeway Bay to provide the public with the BioNTech vaccination service from February 11.

Members of the public can make reservations through the online booking system on the designated website of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme (<u>www.covidvaccine.gov.hk</u>) starting from 9am next Tuesday (February 8).

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Patrick Nip, said, "In order to further increase the vaccination capacity within a short period of time, we are adopting various means to set up more vaccination venues in different districts. After the provision of outreach vaccination service at shopping malls, this is another new effort by the Government to establish a COVID-19 vaccination centre in a non-governmental venue in the Causeway Bay business district with a high flow of people and convenient transportation. We are most grateful to Hysan Development for providing the venue free of charge and joining the Government to promote COVID-19 vaccination and enhance the vaccination capacity in a short time so that more people can have vaccine protection as early as possible."

The SCVC in Leighton Centre will operate daily from 8am to 8pm and will be closed between 1.30pm and 2.30pm for cleaning. No same-day tickets will be available at this vaccination centre. All eligible persons can receive their first, second or third dose of BioNTech vaccination at the SCVC.

Located at the seventh floor of Leighton Centre at 77 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, the SCVC is retrofitted from a car park with a dedicated lift for direct access from the ground floor of the building, where relevant signage will be placed. The SCVC will be operated by the medical group of the Community Vaccination Centre at Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Sports Centre.

To facilitate the public's understanding of COVID-19 vaccines, the Government will set up a COVID-19 Vaccination Resource Centre at Shop No. G10, UG/F, Leighton Centre, starting February 11 to provide the public with information relating to COVID-19 vaccines, including vaccination venues and the latest situation of COVID-19 vaccination in Hong Kong.

Under the threat posed by mutant virus strains with high transmissibility, eligible persons, both young and old, should get vaccinated as early as possible for self-protection and to reduce the risk of falling seriously ill and death should one get infected. Those who are eligible for the third-dose booster should get vaccinated on time to enhance protection. The number of CVCs will be increased to 15 after the SCVC in Leighton Centre comes into service.

CVCs providing the Sinovac CoronaVac vaccine

Java Road Sports Centre in North Point Kwun Chung Sports Centre in Jordan Yuen Wo Road Sports Centre in Sha Tin

CVCs providing the Fosun/BioNTech Comirnaty vaccine

Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Sports Centre in Sai Ying Pun Boundary Street Sports Centre in Mong Kok Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre Kowloon Bay Sports Centre Sai Wan Ho Sports Centre Hiu Kwong Street Sports Centre in Kwun Tong Lai Chi Kok Park Sports Centre in Kwun Tong Lai Chi Kok Park Sports Centre Yuen Long Sports Centre Osman Ramju Sadick Memorial Sports Centre in Kwai Chung HKU CVC at Gleneagles Hospital Hong Kong in Wong Chuk Hang (no same-day tickets) CUHK Medical Centre in Sha Tin (no same-day tickets) SCVC in Leighton Centre in Causeway Bay (no same-day tickets; starting from February 11)

Persons aged 60 or above can get a same-day ticket at most of the CVCs.

Apart from the CVCs, there are other channels for free COVID-19 vaccination as follows:

\* 25 general out-patient clinics under the Hospital Authority
(www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202201/15/P2022011500269.htm);

\* 13 Hospital COVID-19 Vaccination Stations
(www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/HA\_HCVS\_Location\_ENG.pdf);

\* 15 Elderly Health Centres under the Department of Health
(www.elderly.gov.hk/english/contactus/elderly\_health\_centres.html);

\* five Student Health Service Centres under the Department of Health which provide the Sinovac vaccination service to students of primary and secondary schools

(www.studenthealth.gov.hk/english/covid19/covid19\_vaccination\_in\_shsc.html);

\* over 1 000 private doctors or clinics which provide the Sinovac vaccination service (<u>www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/VSS</u>);

\* 33 venues operated by private healthcare institutions enrolled in the BioNTech Vaccination Pilot Scheme (www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/list\_vssdr\_covid\_bnt\_pilot\_eng.pdf); and \* two Mobile Vaccination Stations
(www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/List\_Mobile\_Vaccination\_Station\_ENG.pdf).

The minimum age for receiving the Sinovac vaccine is 5. The minimum age for receiving the BioNTech vaccine will be lowered to 5 from February 16. Children aged 5 to 11 have to receive BioNTech vaccination at three Children Community Vaccination Centres (Hong Kong Children's Hospital, Yuen Chau Kok Sports Centre and Gleneagles Hospital Hong Kong).

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).