<u>Arrangements for COVID-19 vaccination</u> <u>venues during Lunar New Year period</u>

â€<The Government reminded members of the public today (February 7) that during the Lunar New Year holidays between February 10 and 13, all public COVID-19 vaccination venues and most of the Private Clinic COVID-19 Vaccination Stations (PCVSs) will be closed, while a few PCVSs will provide vaccination services during the above-mentioned Lunar New Year period.

Members of the public can visit the Government online booking system (booking.covidvaccine.gov.hk) for details on the available dates and time slots, or the website of the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health (www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/106934.html) for details of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme.

A Government spokesman reminded high-risk persons who have never been vaccinated or infected with COVID-19 to arrange vaccination as soon as possible and adopt additional hygiene measures to protect themselves. Parents are also reminded to arrange COVID-19 vaccination as soon as possible for their children aged 6 months or above in order to reduce the risk of severe illness and fatalities. In addition, high-risk priority groups are recommended to receive a dose of COVID-19 vaccine booster at least six months after the last dose or COVID-19 infection, regardless of the number of doses received previously. All currently available COVID-19 vaccines, including inactivated, mRNA ancestral strain or bivalent, and XBB vaccines, are effective in preventing severe illness and death. Eligible persons may continue to choose any currently available COVID-19 vaccines. The Government has provided XBB mRNA COVID-19 vaccine to all high-risk priority groups since January 18. The latest list of venues providing XBB vaccination can be found on: www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/xbb venues dec2023 eng.pdf.