

COVID-19 vaccination arrangements for children aged six months or above and for persons aged from 50 to 59 receiving fourth dose

Children aged from six months to three years may receive the Sinovac CoronaVac COVID-19 vaccine starting from Thursday (August 4). In addition, persons aged from 50 to 59 who have received three doses of the Sinovac or BioNTech vaccine may also receive the fourth vaccine dose at least three months after their last dose, starting from August 4.

Starting from 9am on Thursday, parents or guardians can make appointments for their young children to receive the Sinovac vaccine at Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) or designated general out-patient clinics of the Hospital Authority through the online booking system and accompany them to receive the vaccine in person. Parents can also opt for making reservation for free Sinovac vaccination through more than 1 000 private doctors or clinics that participate in the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme.

The online booking system will also be updated at the same time from 9am on Thursday for eligible persons aged from 50 to 59 to make appointments for receiving the fourth dose of the Sinovac or BioNTech vaccine.

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mrs Ingrid Yeung, said, "There are deaths and severe cases involving children in the fifth wave of the epidemic. The recent death of a young child infected with COVID-19 deserves the attention of every parent on the health risk to children brought about by the COVID-19 virus and that receiving vaccination can minimise the risks of falling seriously ill, death or severe after-effects should they get infected. Parents are advised to arrange vaccination for their young children as early as possible. Members of the public should also act fast to arrange for their elderly parents to receive suitable number of vaccine doses on time."

The Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases and the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases under the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health, joined by the Chief Executive's expert advisory panel, convened a meeting yesterday (August 1) and updated the consensus interim recommendations on the use of COVID-19 vaccines, which have been accepted and approved by the Health Bureau.

Things to note for vaccination

Parents are required to present the original copy of their children's

birth certificate and bring along a consent form signed by the parents on the date of vaccination of the children. The consent form can be downloaded from the designated website of the Vaccination Programme (www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/Consent_Form_for_COVID19_Vaccination_ENG.pdf). The children must be accompanied by their parents/guardians in person when receiving vaccination.

The updated consensus interim recommendations on the use of COVID-19 vaccines by the scientific committees under the CHP are available in the following press release: <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202208/01/P2022080100675.htm>

The minimum age for receiving the Sinovac vaccine has been lowered to children aged six months. The minimum age for receiving the BioNTech vaccine remains at the age of five.

CVCs providing the Sinovac vaccine for persons aged six months old or above

Java Road Sports Centre in North Point
Kwun Chung Sports Centre in Jordan
Yuen Wo Road Sports Centre in Sha Tin
Millennium City 5 in Kwun Tong
Hong Kong Spinners Industrial Building in Cheung Sha Wan

Vaccination centres providing the BioNTech vaccine for children aged 5 to 11 (no same-day tickets)

Children Community Vaccination Centre (CCVC) at Hong Kong Children's Hospital in Kowloon Bay
HKU CCVC at Gleneagles Hospital Hong Kong in Wong Chuk Hang (on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays starting from August 9)
CUHK Medical Centre in Sha Tin
Osman Ramju Sadick Memorial Sports Centre in Kwai Chung

CVCs providing the BioNTech vaccine for persons aged 12 or above

Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Sports Centre in Sai Ying Pun
Satellite Community Vaccination Centre, Leighton Centre in Causeway Bay (no same-day tickets)
Sai Wan Ho Sports Centre
Boundary Street Sports Centre in Mong Kok
Hiu Kwong Street Sports Centre in Kwun Tong
Lai Chi Kok Park Sports Centre
Yuen Long Sports Centre
Osman Ramju Sadick Memorial Sports Centre in Kwai Chung
MTR Tsing Yi Station
CUHK Medical Centre in Sha Tin (no same-day tickets)
HKU Community Vaccination Centre at Gleneagles Hospital Hong Kong (on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays starting from August 8; no same-day tickets)
Pop-up CVC at 17th floor of Landmark North in Sheung Shui

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.