

Global enterprise supports outreach vaccination service (with photos/video)

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Patrick Nip, visited the office of PricewaterhouseCoopers Hong Kong (PwC) in Central today (June 8). During the visit, he and the Chairman of PwC Asia Pacific and China, Mr Raymund Chao, jointly viewed the administering of a COVID-19 vaccine to staff members of the enterprise as arranged by the Government's outreach vaccination service.

More than 370 staff members of the global professional services enterprise were administered with the BioNTech vaccine today. This marked the highest number of doses administered at an enterprise in a single day since the launch of the outreach service. The staff members of the enterprise, after receiving the vaccination, were granted vaccination leave.

"I am very grateful for the enthusiastic support for the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme from various sectors of the community. The Civil Service Bureau (CSB) is proactively promoting the outreach vaccination service in a bid to help staff members of more enterprises and groups to get vaccinated in a convenient manner," Mr Nip said.

"Employees can protect themselves and their families by receiving COVID-19 vaccines. Such a move is also very important for the enterprises and organisations, as it can help safeguard the health of their employees and maintain normal business operations. While the COVID-19 virus is raging across the globe, staff members of global professional services enterprises have frequent overseas trips for work and meetings. As such, it is particularly important for them to get vaccinated."

Mr Nip called on various sectors and industries to join the Government in promoting the "Early Vaccination for All" campaign and encourage their employees to receive vaccination so as to help build an immune barrier in Hong Kong as soon as possible by significantly raising the vaccination rate during the three-month-long critical period from now until the end of August, thereby restoring normality to society sooner rather than later.

He said should 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. Enterprises and groups can call the hotline for the outreach vaccination service at 3904 1490 from Monday to Friday, from 9am to 6pm, for arrangements.

There has been enthusiastic support for the outreach vaccination programme since it was launched by the CSB. Having provided the outreach vaccination service to the Hong Kong Sports Institute, global professional

services enterprises and the construction industry, the CSB is now proactively in discussion with enterprises and groups from various sectors, including financial institutions, post-secondary institutions, public utilities and theme parks and the like on the feasibility of providing the service to them.

Mr Nip thanked PwC for its support for the outreach vaccination programme. He also expressed his gratitude to the medical team and administrative support staff of the Community Vaccination Centre at Tung Chung Community Hall for providing the outreach service today.

