

Government joins forces with local communities to boost COVID-19 vaccination (with photos)

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mrs Ingrid Yeung, said today (August 25) that it is important to have members and organisations of local communities to promote COVID-19 vaccination actively. In addition to organising outreach vaccination services in their communities, they can also disseminate the latest information about vaccination to members of their communities.

After the lowering of the No. 8 Storm Signal, nearly 300 people participated in a COVID-19 vaccination event in Kwun Tong District which was organised by the Kowloon Federation of Associations and co-organised by the Kwun Tong District Office at Sau Mau Ping Community Hall. About half of those vaccinated today were children and young persons aged below 18. Getting vaccinated before commencement of the new school term can provide students with better safeguard during interaction with schoolmates at schools.

The number of local cases among the confirmed cases today reached 8 200. Mrs Yeung pointed out that elderly persons and children need to receive COVID-19 vaccination to reduce the risks of death and falling seriously ill should they get infected.

She hoped to unite the community forces to disseminate the message of receiving suitable number of COVID-19 vaccine doses on time among members of their communities so as to enable those who are not vaccinated to recognise the risks, particularly for elderly persons and children, as getting vaccinated is a matter of time and urgency. They should not try their luck and must not underestimate the impacts that could be caused by the coronavirus to their health.

The minimum age for receiving the Sinovac vaccine has been lowered to 6 months old, and the minimum age for receiving the BioNTech vaccine is 5 years old. 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.

