<u>Most Community Vaccination Centres to</u> <u>serve public on third day of Lunar New</u> <u>Year</u>

The Government today (February 2) reminds members of the public that 12 Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) will open tomorrow (February 3), the third day of the Lunar New Year, to provide COVID-19 vaccination services to the public.

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Patrick Nip, said, "At the beginning of the Lunar New Year, it is essential for all of us to take concerted efforts to win the battle against the epidemic. Vaccination is a top priority. The current vaccination capacity has already increased to 60 000 doses a day, which is much more than the seven-day moving average of the daily figure of doses administered. We now have a wide variety of vaccination channels with the highest number of vaccination venues available since the launch of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme. As such, I appeal to persons who are not yet vaccinated, in particular elderly persons, to seize this opportunity and get vaccinated as soon as possible for self-protection.

"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."

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 Yuen Long Sports Centre HKU CVC at Gleneagles Hospital Hong Kong in Wong Chuk Hang (no same-day tickets and resume service on February 4) CUHK Medical Centre in Sha Tin (no same-day tickets and resume service on February 4) Osman Ramju Sadick Memorial Sports Centre in Kwai Chung Persons aged 60 or above can get a same-day ticket at CVCs (except those located at private hospitals).

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 Sinovac vaccination services 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 Sinovac vaccination services (<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 designated website for the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme (<u>www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/programme</u>) provides the latest information including details on vaccination venues, reservation and enquiry hotlines.

The minimum age for receiving the Sinovac vaccine is five. The minimum age for receiving the BioNTech vaccine will be lowered to five from February 16.

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).