## **Operation arrangements of Community Vaccination Centres after October**

The COVID-19 Vaccination Programme has been implemented for 196 days since February 26, 2021. By the end of September, Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) will have operated continuously for seven months.

The Government announced today (September 9) that, in view of the supply of vaccines and the demand and pace of vaccination, it has decided to make following arrangements for the operation of CVCs:

1. Five CVCs will be closed from November. They are the CVCs at Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (HKSH), HKSH Eastern Medical Centre, St Paul's Hospital, Tai Po Hui Sports Centre and Tsuen King Circuit Sports Centre.

2. The operation of 21 CVCs will be extended to the end of this year. These CVCs will continue to provide the first-dose vaccination services in October and November, and will only provide the second-dose vaccination services in December.

3. Starting from November 1, the opening hours of the 21 CVCs will be adjusted. The opening hours of the CVCs on Saturdays and Sundays will remain unchanged, i.e. from 8am to 8pm. They will operate from 10am to 6pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and will be closed on Wednesdays. All CVCs will close between 1.30pm and 2.30pm on working days for cleaning.

"We have endeavoured to maintain as much as possible the operation of the CVCs with the more popular time slots to facilitate the vaccination of members of the public. Starting from November, the number of CVCs will be decreased by eight to 21 from the peak of 29," a Government spokesman said.

"Starting from November, the CVCs will serve a total quota of 27 000 people being vaccinated daily on weekdays, comprising 21 000 people receiving the BioNTech vaccine and 6 000 people receiving the Sinovac vaccine. On weekends, the CVCs will provide daily vaccination quotas of 32 000 and 9 000 for the BioNTech and Sinovac vaccines respectively. Together with the vaccination services of the Sinovac vaccine provided by over 1 000 private doctor clinics, we believe the demand of the public can be met."

The 21 CVCs that will provide first-dose vaccination services in October and November are as follows:

CVCs providing Sinovac CoronaVac vaccine

Java Road Sports Centre Kwun Chung Sports Centre Kowloon Bay Sports Centre Yuen Wo Road Sports Centre Tin Fai Road Sports Centre

CVCs providing Fosun/BioNTech Comirnaty vaccine

Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Sports Centre Sai Wan Ho Sports Centre Gleneagles Hospital Hong Kong Hiu Kwong Street Sports Centre Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre Ho Man Tin Sports Centre Lai Chi Kok Park Sports Centre Boundary Street Sports Centre Choi Hung Road Badminton Centre Lung Sum Avenue Sports Centre CUHK Medical Centre Tseung Kwan 0 Sports Centre Osman Ramju Sadick Memorial Sports Centre Yau Oi Sports Centre Yuen Long Sports Centre Tung Chung Community Hall

The spokesman added that given the threat posed by mutant strains, persons who are suitable for COVID-19 vaccination should get vaccinated as early as possible to protect themselves and to reduce their risk of falling seriously ill and death should they get infected.  $\tilde{a} \notin \tilde{a} \notin \tilde{a} \notin \tilde{a}$ 

Members of the public can learn about the addresses of the CVCs and make reservations on the designated website of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme (<u>www.covidvaccine.gov.hk</u>).