

## Owners, local deckhands of local fishing vessels and fish collectors operating in Mainland waters will have priority in COVID-19 vaccinations

The Government is rolling out the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme (Vaccination Programme). Owners and their local deckhands of local fishing vessels, and fish collectors operating in the Mainland waters belong to one of the priority groups of the Vaccination Programme. These people concerned can book vaccination slots for both the first and second doses of vaccinations at any Community Vaccination Centre (CVC) through the designated website [www.covidvaccine.gov.hk](http://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk) starting from today (February 23), or direct with a private clinic (from mid-March onwards).

A spokesman for the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) said, "The abovementioned local vessel owners and deckhands are required to apply for a Proof of Identity of Recipient (Proof) from the AFCD to enable their priority participation in the Vaccination Programme. At the vaccination venue, an owner or a deckhand has to present the Proof issued by the AFCD bearing his/her name, and his/her identity document to prove that he/she belongs to a priority group."

He added, "The CVCs also accept group bookings for vaccinations. The organisation concerned can call 5275 9255 or email [cvc\\_group@csb.gov.hk](mailto:cvc_group@csb.gov.hk) for booking."

COVID-19 has affected Hong Kong citizens' normal lives. The Government encourages people belonging to priority groups to receive the vaccine. It will contribute to an early revival of the economy and a return to a normal life.

Should members of the public have any enquiry on the application for the Proof, please call the AFCD on 2150 7095 or 2150 7099, or visit the AFCD website: [www.afcd.gov.hk/english/whatsnew/what\\_fis/what\\_fis.html](http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/whatsnew/what_fis/what_fis.html). For any enquiry on the Vaccination Programme, please call the hotline on 3142 2366.