

Same-day ticket arrangements for COVID-19 vaccination to be expanded to cover students aged 12 or above

Starting from Friday (August 27), same-day tickets will be distributed at 24 Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) (except those run by private hospitals) under the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme to students aged 12 or above as well as persons aged 60 or above so that they can receive COVID-19 vaccination in a CVC at a designated time slot on the day of distribution.

"The same-day ticket arrangement was first introduced for persons aged 70 or above and was later extended to cover persons aged 60 or above. The arrangement has been implemented smoothly since its launch. After evaluating the actual situation, we have decided to extend the arrangement to cover students studying at primary and secondary schools as well as post-secondary institutions. As the summer holiday is coming to an end, we hope that such an arrangement will assist students and their parents who have not yet received vaccination to get vaccinated," a Government spokesman said.

"Those students can also be accompanied by a maximum of two persons to receive their vaccination, as some may need their teachers or family members to accompany them. The companions can also receive vaccination together."

The same-day tickets will be distributed daily from 7.45am on a first-come, first-served basis. The CVCs will be closed between 1.30pm and 2.30pm daily for cleaning and disinfection, and the last session of vaccination will be held from 7pm to 7.30pm.

Persons can present their Hong Kong identity cards (HKID cards) to get a same-day ticket at CVCs. They can also authorise their family members or carers to collect a ticket on their behalf, provided that the authorised person can present a copy of the authoriser's HKID card or school attendance documents for registration. When receiving the first dose of vaccination, they will be informed of the date and time for the second dose.

About 4 600 same-day tickets will be distributed daily at 24 CVCs in August. In view of the limited capacity of the venues, the CVCs at Tung Chung Community Hall and Hong Kong International Airport will each distribute 100 tickets per day, while other CVCs, except those run by private hospitals, will each distribute 200 tickets per day.

The CVCs at Queen Elizabeth Stadium, Ap Lei Chau Sports Centre and Hong Kong International Airport will be distributing the same-day tickets until August 31. The locations of the CVCs that distribute the same-day tickets are listed in the Annex.

The Government reminded youths and their parents that those aged 12 to

17 are required to bring along a consent form signed by their parents for getting vaccinated. The consent form can be downloaded from the designated website of the Vaccination Programme (www.covidvaccine.gov.hk).

The minimum age for receiving the BioNTech vaccine is 12, and that for receiving the Sinovac vaccine is 18. Members of the public can learn more information on vaccines and make reservations on the designated website of the Vaccination Programme.