

Vaccination Requirements under Vaccine Pass ^[Note 1]

Category of Persons		Implementation Date		
		From 28 Feb 2022	From 30 April 2022	From 31 May 2022
A	Persons aged 18 or Above ^[Note 2]	1 st dose	2 nd dose	(1) 2 nd dose, if within 6 months from 2 nd dose (2) 3 rd dose, if after 6 months from 2 nd dose
B	Persons aged 12 to 17	1 st dose	(1) 1 st dose, if within 6 months from 1 st dose (2) 2 nd dose, if after 6 months from 1 st dose	(1) 2 nd dose, if within 6 months from 2 nd dose (2) 3 rd dose, if after 6 months from 2 nd dose

Note 1: For those who have only received the CoronaVac (Sinovac) or the Comirnaty (BioNTech) vaccines outside Hong Kong, their eligibility for Vaccine Pass should follow the requirements in the above table. In other cases, a person who received a “full course” COVID-19 vaccination outside Hong Kong will be deemed to have fulfilled the requirement for the 2nd dose, provided that the vaccine is on the list of recognised vaccines (“the List”) on the Government’s COVID-19 Thematic Website (www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/list_of_recognised_covid19_vaccines.pdf), and the person has received the “dose(s) required” stipulated under the List. For any 2nd or 3rd dose received by the person in Hong Kong, eligibility for Vaccine Pass will be determined according to the above table. A person who has received the Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biopharmaceutical, Bharat Biotech, the Gamaleya National Center of Epidemiology and Microbiology or Novavax (i.e. Nuvaxovid/Covovax) vaccines will be deemed to have completed the third dose under the Vaccine Pass requirements provided that the “dose(s) required” stipulated under the List has been satisfied.

Note 2: For a person who will turn 18, he/she will be given a 3-month window, counting from his/her 18th birthday, during which his/her eligibility will follow the category applicable to persons aged 12 to 17, and thereafter his/her eligibility will follow the category applicable to persons aged 18 or above.

Vaccination Schedule for COVID-19 Recovered Persons

Category of Persons		Implementation Date		
		28/2 – 29/4/2022	30/4 – 30/5/2022	31/5/2022 onwards
C1	Recovered persons aged 12 or above within 6 months from recovery ^[Note 1]	No additional dose required		
C2	Recovered persons aged 12 or above who had received 2 nd or 3 rd dose before COVID-19 infection ^[Note 2]	No additional dose required		
C3	Recovered persons aged 12 or above after 6 months from recovery ^[Note 1]	(1) Not vaccinated before COVID-19 infection ^[Note 2]	1 st dose	(1) 1 st dose, if within 6 months from 1 st dose (2) 2 nd dose* if after 6 months from 1 st dose *2 nd dose not required for a person aged 12-17 who took Comirnaty (BioNTech) as 1 st dose
		(2) Received 1 st dose before COVID-19 infection ^[Note 2]	No additional dose required	2 nd dose* *2 nd dose not required for a person aged 12-17 who took Comirnaty (BioNTech) as 1 st dose

Note 1: Recovery is defined as 14 days after the date of the most recent documented positive test.

Note 2: The number of doses received before infection counts only those doses received at least 14 days before the most recent documented positive test. In other words, a dose received within 14 days before the most recent documented positive test will not be counted as a dose received before infection.

Persons who cannot take the COVID-19 on Medical Grounds

Only medical certificates in the standard format (https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/COVID-19_Vaccination_Medical_Exemption_Certificate_Template.pdf) issued by a registered doctor or hospital will be accepted for the purpose of the **Vaccine Pass**. The list of registered medical doctors can be accessed at <http://www.mchk.org.hk>. For the avoidance of doubt, medical certificates issued by registered Chinese medicine practitioners and other healthcare professionals (e.g. chiropractors and physiotherapists), irrespective of whether they are issued by the Hospital Authority, a Government or private hospital/clinic, will not be accepted.

Another point to note relates to the validity period of medical certificates regarding a person's unfitness to receive vaccination. Considering that some medical certificates may have been issued some time ago since the official launch of the Government's COVID-19 Vaccination Programme in late February 2021, and the assessments and/or recommendations therein may have expired, the College will only accept certificates issued by a registered medical doctor or hospital on or after 1 October 2021.

For medical certificates with a specified validity period regarding a person's unfitness for receiving vaccination, the relevant medical assessment/recommendation will be considered valid throughout such specified period. Where no validity period is specified, the medical assessment/recommendation will be considered as valid for up to three months from the issue date, or up to the date when a recall appointment/re-appointment is scheduled, whichever date is the earlier.