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EXTENSION OF ADDITIONAL BIVALENT BOOSTER DOSES TO HEALTHCARE WORKERS

The Expert Committee on COVID-19 Vaccination had made the recommendation to offer the bivalent Moderna/Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine as an additional vaccine dose, to all persons aged 18 years and above who had completed their booster vaccination, including those who had received the second booster. The bivalent booster is expected to result in high protection against severe disease across SARS-CoV-2 variants, and may confer better protection against future variants than the original vaccine. Given the recommendations, the Ministry of Health (MOH) had commenced vaccinating persons aged 50 years and above with the additional dose, as these persons are at higher risk of developing severe disease. The logic flow for persons to remain up-to-date with their vaccinations is summarized in the Annex.

2. Healthcare workers are critical in the management and operations of the healthcare system and are at higher risk of exposure to COVID-19. MOH will therefore be making the additional bivalent dose available to healthcare workers.

Healthcare Workers to Receive Updated Bivalent Vaccine

3. All healthcare workers aged 18 and above, who have achieved minimum protection (i.e. at least 3 doses of mRNA/Nuvaxovid or 4 doses Sinovac-CoronaVac), and who had received their last vaccine dose more than five months ago, will be able to receive an additional dose of the bivalent vaccine. All employees (including staff in non-patient or non-public facing, backroom and administrative functions, operating from home) and persons who work under their direction (e.g. contractors, subcontractors, vendors, locums, students on attachment, internships, research and clinical training and volunteers) of all enterprises and/or institutions¹ in the healthcare

¹ Enterprises and/or institutions include MOH Holdings and all its entities, healthcare clusters and all public healthcare institutions (including public hospitals, community hospitals, national specialty centres and polyclinics),



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and community care sectors will be eligible and recommended to receive the additional bivalent vaccine dose.

4. With effect from 25 October 2022, eligible healthcare workers may walk in to any of the Joint Testing & Vaccination Centres (JTVCs) offering the bivalent vaccine to receive the additional booster dose. The list of JTVCs together with their operating hours can be accessed at <https://www.gowhere.gov.sg/vaccine>. All healthcare workers will need to produce a valid staff pass carrying their name and the cluster/institution logo for identification at the JTVC. Those without passes may produce a memo bearing the company/organisation's letterhead or official stamp as proof.

5. To facilitate those who are not able to visit the JTVCs due to work contingencies, separate arrangements may be made by the respective institutions to provide in-house vaccination. Institution POCs may contact MOH COVID Vaccination Ops <COVID_Vaccination_Ops@moh.gov.sg> to make these arrangements.

6. Institutions should encourage all healthcare workers to keep up to date with their vaccinations, and continue to exercise personal and social responsibility.

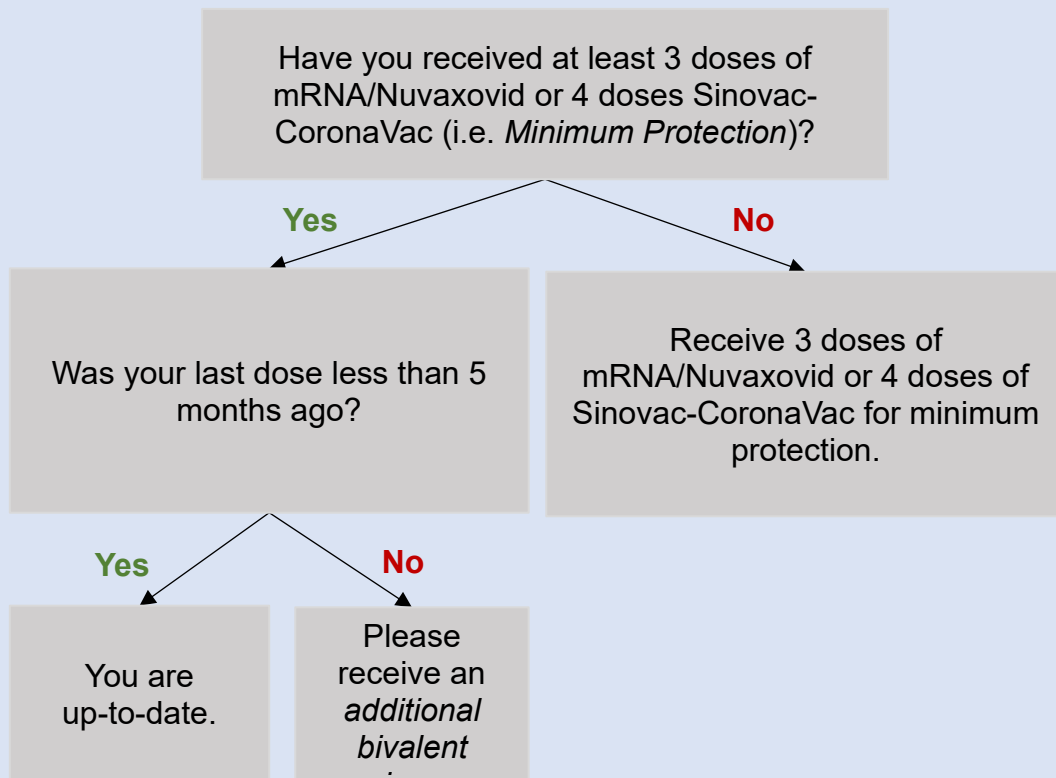


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private healthcare institutions (including private hospitals, community hospitals, General Medical Clinics, Specialist Medical Clinics, General Practitioner (GP) Clinics, Dental Clinics, Private Allied Health (AH) Clinics/Private AH providers), Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) Clinics, Traditional & Complementary Medicine (T&CM) Service Providers, healthcare professional and related associations, councils and societies, Long Term Care (LTC) and community care/eldercare providers including service providers for residential care services (e.g. Nursing Homes, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Homes, Psychiatric Sheltered Homes), centre-based service providers (e.g. Active Ageing Centres, Active Ageing Care Hubs, Senior Care Centres, Active Ageing Hubs, Senior Activity Centres, Psychiatric Day Centres and related services such as CREST/COMIT, Cluster Support and Community Case Management Service), Home-based care service providers (e.g. Home Medical, Home Nursing, Home Palliative Care, Home Personal Care, including Home Personal Care component of Care Close to Home pilot, Home Therapy, home-based components of Integrated Home and Day Care Services and Interim Caregiver Service), renal dialysis centres, community mental health service providers, other LTC service providers such as home delivery service providers, case management service providers. In this regard, all healthcare institutions (HCIs) licensed under the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act (PHMCA), Healthcare Services Act (HCSA) and all registered medical and dental practitioners, nurses, pharmacists and allied health professionals (registered or unregistered) would be included regardless whether they are employees of a HCI, self-employed or in solo practice.

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Keeping Up-to-date with Vaccination Recommendations**50 years old and above**

From 14 October 2022, persons aged 50 and above, and persons yet to achieve minimum protection, will be able to receive the updated bivalent vaccine under the National Vaccination Programme. The bivalent vaccines will be offered to the rest of the population as more doses arrive.

As of 7 October 2022

* The vaccination recommendations above will also apply to healthcare workers aged 18 years and above, from 25 October 2022.