



01 Jun 2021

Dear parents/guardians and NYJCians,

Information on Student Vaccination Exercise

MOE is commencing COVID-19 vaccination for students in schools and Institutes of Higher Learning as part of the national vaccination exercise. We encourage all medically eligible students to get vaccinated to protect themselves, their family and the community.

Please find the additional information on the Student Vaccination Exercise that is relevant for our college below.

A. Booking of Vaccination Slots through National Appointment System

The vaccination exercise for our students will be through the National Appointment System (NAS) as this will give them the maximum flexibility in choosing their dates and venues.

NYJCians, please discuss with your parents and book your vaccination slots through the NAS. Parents of JC2 students would receive the unique booking link via SMS to register for the vaccination slots from today 01 June 2021, and parents of JC1 students would receive theirs from Thursday 03 June 2021. JC2 and JC1 students should inform the college if their parents/guardians do not receive the SMS by Thursday 03 June 2021 and Wednesday 09 June 2021 respectively.

B. Important Dates for Students and Parents to Note while Scheduling Vaccination Appointments

We strongly encourage students to schedule their vaccination slots outside of school hours, avoiding especially the national examinations and the important school events and activities. They should discuss their schedule with their parents and book the earliest and best possible vaccination slot for themselves.

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Students should schedule their first and second vaccination doses so that the dates would not clash with the following school events and activities. The recommended interval is 6-8 weeks between the first and second vaccination doses.

	Dates	JC2 Students	JC1 Students
T3W1	28 Jun to 02 Jul	Common Test	Common Test
T3W2	06 Jul to 09 Jul	Common Test	
	06 Jul		H1 MTL A-Level Listening Comprehension Examination
	08 Jul	JC2 Photo-taking	
T3W2 to T3W4	08 Jul to 19 Jul		H1 MTL A-Level Oral Examination*
T3W4	22 Jul		JC1 Photo-taking
T3W8	18 Aug	JC2 Chemistry Practical Prelim Examination	
T3W9	23 Aug	JC2 Physics Practical Prelim Examination	
	25 Aug	JC2 Biology Practical Prelim Examination	
T3W9 to T3W10	27 Aug to 01 Sep	JC2 Prelim Examination	
T3W10	01 Sep		JC1 Chemistry Practical Examination

*Students are to refer to the exam schedule for their exact oral examination date.

C. Parental Consent for Vaccination

The NAS has been upgraded to allow for parent consent, in addition to the medical declaration, as part of the registration and appointment booking process.

Please note that the unique link for booking a vaccination appointment will be sent to only a local mobile number. For students whose parents/guardian cannot be reached via a local handphone number (e.g. both parents are overseas and cannot be reached), they will not receive the SMS invitation for NAS. A local contact must be authorised by the parents to make the appointment. Parents can issue a letter of authorization and a signed hard copy medical declaration to an SC/PR (e.g. family member) who can make the registration and complete the medical declaration on their behalf. Similarly, parents of international students without a local legal guardian can also register for their children using the same method. Please inform the college either via email (nyjc@moe.edu.sg), phone (6284 2281) or through the civics tutor if you need the documents and we will forward them to you.

D. Students who are Unwell After Taking the Vaccination

As our students are young and have a more robust immune system, they are more likely to experience the common side effects from the vaccination, similar to other vaccines. The side effects include pain at the injection site, fatigue, headache, chills and fever, which would generally resolve on their own after 1-3 days. They should see a doctor if the side effects persist or worsen, or if they experience fever for more than 48 hours.

If students experience side effects from the vaccination and are unable to attend school because they are unwell, they may submit evidence of the vaccination appointment in lieu of a medical certificate, such as a digital copy of the vaccination card with the vaccination date stated. If they are absent for more than 2 days, they should seek medical advice and submit a medical certificate for their absence.

E. Frequently Asked Questions about Vaccination

We want to encourage as many students as possible to get vaccinated. This would keep the students safe from COVID-19, make schools safer as well as protect their family and the community.

We fully understand that parents would naturally be concerned if the vaccination is safe for their child. The Ministry of Health has updated their COVID-19 Vaccination site and provided answers for the parents. You may wish to visit this site for a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions: <https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/vaccination/faqs>

MOE is also organising webinars on 01 June (5pm–6pm) and 03 June (12pm–1pm) to address questions you may have regarding the vaccination exercise for students. The webinars will feature an MOH medical expert and MOE representatives. The Zoom Webinar Link is <https://go.gov.sg/moevacwebinar> (Password: MOEVac). You may also submit your questions before the webinars via this [survey form](#). Due to the limited capacity of 3000 pax for webinars, attendees will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis. Video snippets from the webinar will be uploaded online after the sessions.

For parents who are not onboard Parents Gateway, please refer to the following "Parent Kit on Student Vaccination Exercise" and "One Page Infographic on Student Vaccination Exercise", which were both sent by MOE yesterday. To be kept updated with the latest information from MOE, you may wish to download the Parents Gateway app at [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Low Chun Meng'.

Mr Low Chun Meng
Principal

Why vaccinate your child?



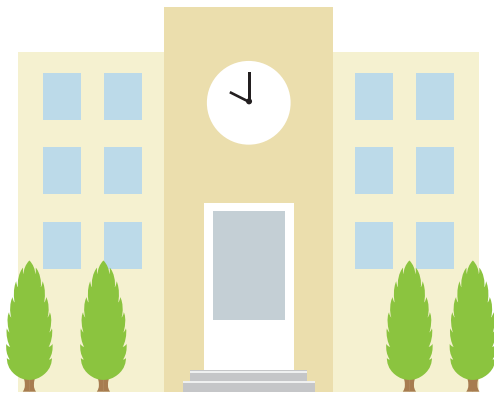
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Vaccinating students can:



Keep your child safe from COVID-19

COVID-19 vaccines significantly reduce the chances of infection and symptomatic disease for your child. They also help to prevent severe illness if infected.



Make education institutions safer

Prioritising vaccinations for students will make it harder for the virus to spread.



Protect your family and community

Students who are vaccinated will have greater peace of mind, that they are keeping their family and loved ones safe while making it harder for the virus to spread.

Is the COVID-19 Vaccine safe?

YES!

All vaccines used in Singapore must:

- ☒ Comply with World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines
- ☒ Be assessed by Health Sciences Authority (HSA) to ensure safety and efficacy standards are met

MOH's Expert Committee on COVID-19 Vaccination has independently reviewed the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and assessed that it is safe and effective for students aged 12 and above.

Similarly, the **Moderna COVID-19 vaccine** has been authorised for use in individuals aged 18 years and above in Singapore, and will also be offered to medically eligible students.

When will the vaccination exercise start

From 1 June

Invitations will go out first to graduating cohorts at the secondary and Pre-University levels, sitting for the GCE N-, O-, or A-Level exams (or equivalent) this year.

Subsequently, over the next two weeks,

invitations will progressively go out to other groups of full-time students in our schools and Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs), including Privately-Funded Schools (PFSs), Madrasahs and Special Education (SPED) schools.

Things to note:

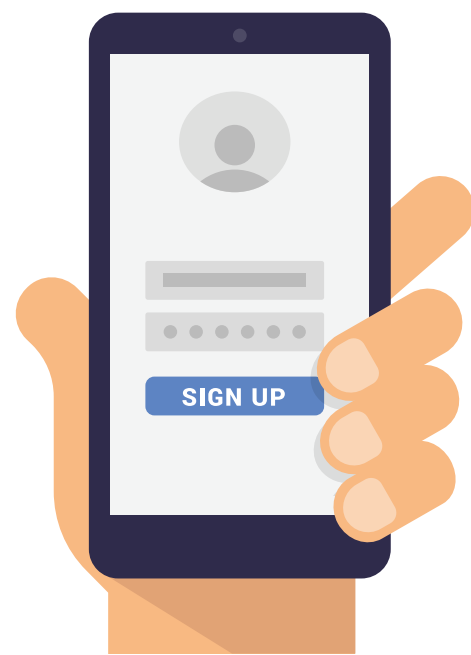
- ✓ Students aged 12 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian during their vaccination.
- ✓ Vaccination for students will be made available in the community vaccination centres. To provide additional options for students, MOE will also set up dedicated MOE vaccination centres, at the 3 ITE Colleges and Raffles City Convention Centre from 7 June.
- ✓ For students who require additional support, our schools will look into alternative vaccination arrangements when school reopens, including providing transport to the vaccination centres.



How to sign up

From 1 June, SMS invitations will be progressively sent out to:

- ☒ Students or parents/guardians of students (if under 18 years old)
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Students or parents can use the unique link in the SMS to book their appointment at any of the vaccination centres. Those who are below 18 years old can only select centres where Pfizer vaccines are offered.

Parental consent will be required for students below the age of 18. This will be collected as part of the booking process.

Things to consider

We encourage students and parents to:

- ☒ Schedule their vaccination early, as soon as possible
- ☒ Consider the timing for both their first and second doses when scheduling their vaccinations
- ☒ Sign up for slots during weekends, if they are able to

If students are scheduled for vaccination during school curriculum time, schools and IHLs will provide time-off for them to do so.



Do...

- 1 Talk to your child/ward and ask if they have any concerns about the vaccine
- 2 Explain why it is important for them to be vaccinated
- 3 Encourage them to read up more about the science of vaccines from reputable websites e.g.

- <https://mobileapp.nlb.gov.sg/spotlight/pandemics/covid-19-vaccines>
- <https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/vaccination>
- <https://www.gov.sg/features/covid-19-vaccination>

See a doctor if unwell, even if vaccinated or with mild symptoms.



Together we keep Singapore healthy and safe

While COVID-19 vaccination is not mandatory, we encourage all medically eligible individuals to take it up when offered.

When more people are vaccinated, the safer we will be as a community.



Have more questions?

**Join our Zoom session with medical experts on
1 and 3 June at <https://go.gov.sg/moevacwebinar>
to find out more.**

Password: MOEVac

For more details on the COVID-19 visit
<https://www.moe.gov.sg/faqs-covid-19-infection>
and <https://www.vaccine.gov.sg/faq>

For queries on the rescheduling of vaccination
appointments, you may call MOH at 1800 333 9999.
For general questions, contact your child's
school for assistance.



FAQs

What are the vaccines available for this exercise?

Based on the Health Sciences Authority (HSA)'s approval of the medical suitability of the vaccines, individuals below the age of 18 will only be offered the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, while individuals aged 18 and above can opt for either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

	Moderna	Pfizer-BioNTech
How it works	Messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines teach human cells to make "spike proteins", found on the virus that causes COVID-19. Our bodies learn to recognise that the protein does not belong there and make antibodies against future infection.	
Dosage	2 doses, 6 to 8 weeks apart	2 doses, 6 to 8 weeks apart
Efficacy	94.1%	95%
Authorised for	Individuals of 18 years and above	Individuals of 12 years and above

FAQs

How do we know that the vaccine is safe for children? What are the possible side effects?

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is currently the only COVID-19 vaccine that has been authorised for use in adolescents aged 12 to 18 years in Singapore. HSA and the Expert Committee had reviewed the safety and efficacy of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine based on the clinical trials for individuals in this age group.

The safety profile of the Pfizer vaccine in the younger population is consistent with the known safety profile in the adult population. The side effects include injection site pain, fatigue, headache, chills and fever, which generally resolved on their own within a few days.

You can find out more from the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) website:

<https://www.hsa.gov.sg/announcements/press-release/hsa-extends-the-use-of-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-to-adolescents-of-ages-12-to-15> *(as of 31 May 2021)*

FAQs

Why are we vaccinating students when people who were vaccinated are still getting infected by COVID-19?

While the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine do not provide perfect protection, they are still very effective in reducing the risks of developing symptomatic or severe disease, and also in reducing the risks of infection.

FAQs

How do I know if my child is medically eligible for vaccination?

Before making appointments for vaccination, you will be prompted to complete an online screening form, which contains medical questions on your child's pre-existing medical conditions. This will help inform those who may not be suitable for vaccination.

There will be another round of medical screening conducted at the vaccination site. You and your child may seek further clarifications with the medical professionals onsite.

Alternatively, you may consult your child's regular doctor for advice. Your doctor may provide a memo on your child's condition to help the medical team at the vaccination site assess your child's suitability for vaccination.

FAQs

What should students or their parents do if they have yet to receive the SMS for the vaccination?

SMSES will be sent progressively to eligible students (if they are aged 18 and above) or their parents (if their child is below 18 years old). Parents of students in the O, N and A levels (or equivalent) cohorts who have yet to receive the SMS by 3 June should contact your child/ward's school for assistance. Parents of students in other cohorts will progressively receive the SMSES. Schools will also be reaching out to parents of students in mainstream primary and secondary schools separately with additional details on their vaccinations.

In general, students who are in schools and the IHLs should receive their SMSES by the end of the second week of June.

For AU, polytechnic and Arts Institution students, those aged 18 and above will receive SMS invitations directly. For students below 18 years of age, SMSES will be sent to their parents or guardians. Students who have yet to receive a SMS by the dates stipulated by their institutions should inform their designated point-of-contacts in their institutions quickly for assistance.

For ITE students, ITE will make arrangements directly for them to have their vaccination on campus.

FAQs

Can students schedule their vaccination during school hours? Will students be allowed time off from their school/IHL to take their vaccines?

We encourage your child to be scheduled for vaccination outside of school hours to minimise the disruption to school activities. If your child needs to get vaccinated during school hours, or feels unwell from the side effects of the vaccine, he or she would be given time off and deemed to be on medical leave. To facilitate this, we would need your child to provide evidence of the vaccination appointment.

PROTECT YOUR CHILD AGAINST COVID-19



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Vaccination is the best protection for our loved ones

- It significantly reduces the chances of infection and symptomatic disease for your child.
- It helps to prevent severe illness if infected.
- Vaccinating your child also helps protect grandparents or younger siblings from the virus.



The vaccination is safe

- All COVID-19 vaccines in Singapore are safe and approved by the Ministry of Health.
- The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is approved for children aged 12 and above, and the Moderna vaccine is approved for those aged 18 and above.
- Some side effects like fever and muscle ache are common, but they are mostly mild and last only for a few days.

When will the vaccination exercise start

From 1 June

- Invitations will go out first for students in mainstream schools taking the N-, O- and A-Level exams (or equivalent) this year.

Over the next two weeks...

Invitations will go out to other groups of full-time students in our schools and Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs), including the Privately-Funded Schools, Madrasahs and Special Education (SPED) schools.



How to sign up

- Students or parents/guardians of students (if under 18 years old) will receive SMSes with a link to book a vaccination appointment.
- The main vaccination exercise for most students will be through the National Appointment System as this will give maximum flexibility of choice of dates and venues.
- However, for students who require additional support, our schools will look into alternative vaccination arrangements when school reopens, including providing transport to the vaccination centres.

Note: Parents/guardians are required to accompany children aged 12 and children in SPED schools.

Have more questions?

- Visit <https://www.moe.gov.sg/faqs-covid-19-infection> or <https://www.vaccine.gov.sg/faq>
- To reschedule appointments, call MOH at 1800 333 9999; for general queries call the school.