2 Jun 2021

Dear Parents/Guardian

## **COVID-19 Vaccination for Secondary 1 to 3 Students**

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, all have been working tirelessly to keep our school safe for our students and colleagues. This has enabled teaching and learning to continue in our school amidst the pandemic, which would not have been possible without the good work and cooperation from everyone.

The government sees the importance of vaccination against COVID-19. As a result of which, provision has been made for students from Secondary 1 to 3 to receive the vaccination. While COVID-19 vaccination is not mandatory, the government is strongly encouraging all students to take up the vaccination when it is made available to them given that vaccination is one of the key enablers for Singapore to emerge safely and as quickly as possible from the pandemic.

## Registration

Students or parents/guardians of students (if under 18 years old) will receive SMSes from <u>7 Jun 2021</u> with a link to book a vaccination appointment. Parents/guardian can use the unique link in the SMS to book their appointment. A message on Parents Gateway will be sent on 8 Jun 2021.

The main vaccination exercise for students will be through the <u>National Appointment System (NAS)</u> as this will give maximum flexibility of choice of dates and venues.

Parental/guardian consent will be required for students below the age of 18 as part of the booking process for the vaccination appointment slots via the National Appointment System. Consent given via the National Appointment System will be collected once, and apply for both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

In the event that you do not receive any SMS during the period specified earlier, you should inform MOE HQ by completing the FormSG attached in the PG Note reminder. Deadline for submission of FormSG for those without SMS is 10 Jun 2021. The information will be forwarded to MOH for the SMS to be triggered again.

## **Booking via National Appointment System (NAS)**

Please use the SMS link as soon as possible to book a slot at Community Vaccination Centre (CVC) as it is on a first-come-first-serve basis. It would be best to make your booking within the same or next day of receiving the SMS so as to get more choices of vaccination dates and venues.

We would like to ensure that there is minimal disruption to school activities, hence you are encouraged to sign up for slots after school hours or during weekends as far as possible.

Do note that the second date of the vaccination will be given to you after you have chosen the first date. It will be a 6 – 8 week interval between vaccinations. The selection of the first date of vaccination

therefore is important. Do speak to your child/ward to gather more information regarding school activities etc.

If you do not have a local handphone number, you can issue a letter of authorisation and a signed hard copy medical declaration to a Singapore Citizen/ Permanent Resident (e.g. family member) who can make the registration and complete the medical declaration on your behalf.

Similarly, parents of foreign students without a local legal guardian can also register for their children using the same method. The students would be required to have a signed hardcopy medical declaration and authorisation letter during the vaccination.

Students who are not able to get vaccinated through their parents' booking or are currently recovering from a major illness, the school will work closely with MOE HQ to schedule a School Facilitated Block Booking at a designated Vaccination centre in Term 3.

## **Vaccination Centre**

Please select a vaccination centre that is most convenient for you. Do note also that students who are below 18 years old can only select centres where Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines are offered.

While the COVID-19 vaccination is not mandatory, we would like to encourage all medically eligible students to be vaccinated when the vaccine is made available to them. This is our way of protecting not just our students and education institutions, but also their families and the wider community.

If you need additional information or seeking clarification, please contact the school <u>68767129</u>. Do refer to additional information from the school's website <a href="https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/lp\_announcement/letter-to-parents/">https://yishunsec.moe.edu.sg/lp\_announcement/letter-to-parents/</a>.

Let us continue to stand together in fighting this pandemic, and keeping our school, our community and our loved ones safe.

Thank you.

Kindest regards

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