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To: Supervisors / Principals of all Secondary Schools, Primary Schools, Special Schools and Schools offering Non-Local Curriculum

Dear Supervisor / Principal,

## COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Vaccination Arrangements for Adolescent Students Aged 12 to 17

Joined by the Chief Executive's expert advisory panel ("EAP"), the Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases and the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases under the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health ("JSC") convened a meeting on 15 September. In consideration of the local epidemic control and to balance the risk and benefits of the vaccine, the JSC-EAP recommends persons aged 12 to 17 years to receive one dose of the Comirnaty vaccine.

The arrangements to receive the vaccination of Comirnaty from Fosun Pharma / BioNTech ("BioNTech") for adolescent students aged 12 to 17 have thus been slightly adjusted as follows:

a) Community Vaccination Centre ("CVC") through group bookings made by schools

Time slots for first dose of vaccine will be pre-arranged for your school through group bookings each of 20 to 30 persons and several time slots may be reserved. Please note that the CVC

will administer the first dose of vaccine only up to end November.

If your school has reserved time slots for the second dose of "BioNTech" vaccine, we will cancel the time slots concerned and inform your school separately. For students having attained the age of 18, they may continue to receive the second dose of vaccine at the original slot.

## b) School outreach

Outreach vaccination service could be arranged to your school for at least 300 persons per visit, with the view of receiving the first dose of vaccine before end November. For students having attained the age of 18, school staff, parents and guardians, they will be arranged to receive the second dose of vaccine at CVCs.

## c) Self-arrangement by parents / guardians and students

Parents and guardians can also make their own bookings at CVCs for their children through the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme website (https://booking.covidvaccine.gov.hk/) or through the same-day ticket arrangement at CVCs direct. Persons aged below 18 should bring along the completed Consent Form signed by their parents / guardians to the CVCs for vaccination.

For adolescent students aged below 18 who have appointments to receive the second dose of vaccine, they can opt to cancel the appointments online.

For those with individual needs to opt for receiving the second dose of vaccine (e.g. studying abroad), they have to bring along the completed Consent Form and be accompanied by their parents / guardians when attending their appointment at the CVCs.

For more information about the Programme in general, please visit the website of COVID-19 Vaccination Programme at https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/. Please contact the School Development Section of your district for enquiries.

Thank you for your support in advance.

Yours faithfully,

(Hermes Chan)

for Secretary for the Civil Service