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To: Supervisors / Principals of all Secondary Schools, Primary Schools, Special Schools, Schools offering Non-Local Curriculum, Kindergartens, and Kindergartens cum Child Care Centres

Dear Supervisor / Principal,

**COVID-19 Vaccination Programme
Lowering of minimum age for receiving Sinovac vaccine
to three years old**

The Government announced on 13 February that the minimum age for receiving the Sinovac CoronaVac vaccine (Sinovac vaccine) is lowered to three years old starting from 15 February. The recommended schedule consists of 2 doses administered 28 days apart. The Government will continue to provide an appointment service for schools at the Community Vaccination Centres or the designated Student Health Service Centres of the Department of Health, as well as transport service from and to schools. There will still be arrangements for the COVID-19 Mobile Vaccination Stations to provide outreach Sinovac vaccination service at schools. If kindergartens (KGs), primary and secondary schools plan to arrange doctors to schools for administering Sinovac vaccine, schools can make reference to the “Guidelines on Arranging Outreach COVID-19 Vaccination Activities through Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS)” and contact the doctors on the list¹ of the abovementioned guidelines on their own, which is similar to the influenza vaccination arrangements in the past. If KGs and primary schools have participants of 100 or above, and require the Education Bureau’s assistance in matching a doctor under the “Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS) School Outreach” for schools to provide outreach Sinovac vaccination services, or schools have difficulties or doubts regarding vaccination arrangements, they can contact the respective Senior School Development Officer / Senior Service Officer. Please

¹ https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/covid19vss_guidelinesforschooloutreach_eng.pdf

refer to the letter of 20 January of this Bureau for detailed arrangement of vaccination of Sinovac vaccine for students.

Students and participants (e.g. parents and guardians) have to bring along their original identity documents to receive vaccination. In the event that the identity document of a student does not contain any photograph of the student, such as a birth certificate, the student has to present his/ her school document (such as a school handbook), which has the student's photograph, to receive vaccination.

Before making an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine, please note that there must be at least 14 days between the COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines (including seasonal influenza vaccine).

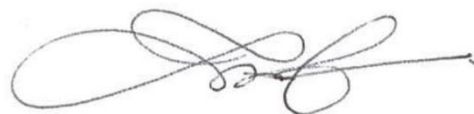
Apart from arrangements through schools, parents and guardians can also make their own bookings at Community Vaccination Centres, or designated general out-patient clinics of the Hospital Authority, or the designated Student Health Service Centres of the Department of Health for their children/ wards through the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme website (<https://booking.covidvaccine.gov.hk/forms/index.jsp>) direct. For children who are between 3 and 11 years old, apart from the completed Consent Form for the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme, they have to be accompanied by an adult relative, domestic helper or school teacher on site to receive vaccination.

Parents/ guardians can also make an appointment to get the Sinovac vaccination through more than 1 000 private doctors or clinics that participate in the Vaccination Programme. For details, please refer to <https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/VSS>.

Please visit the link to read the relevant FAQs for more information on the vaccination for adolescents and children (https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/FAQ_children_adolescents_ENG.pdf). 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Miss Iris MA', written in a cursive style.

(Miss Iris MA)
for Secretary for the Civil Service