

Healthcare amid Covid-19 Pandemic

OVERVIEW OF HONG KONG'S HEALTHCARE POLICIES IN 2021-22

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Source: HKSAR Government

Early Vaccination for All

It's more than a Jab



1. COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

HK Government implements a territory-wide COVID-19 Vaccination Programme (the “Programme”) free of charge for all HK residents.

Venues:

❖ Community Vaccination Centres (CVC)

- The Government sets up CVCs in various districts in Hong Kong providing vaccination service to the public, including BioNTech vaccine for persons aged 12 or above and Sinovac vaccine for persons aged 6 months or above.

❖ Private Clinic COVID-19 Vaccination Stations (PCVSs)

- Starting from 1 September 2022, PCVSs provide BioNTech vaccine for persons aged 12 or above and Sinovac vaccine for persons aged 6 months or above.

❖ Children Community Vaccination Centres (CCVC)

- The Government sets up CCVCs for children aged 5 to 11 to receive BioNTech vaccine. Apart from the CCVCs, children aged 5 to 11 cannot receive BioNTech vaccine at other venues.

COVID-19 Vaccination Programme (Cont'd)

- ❖ Designated general outpatient clinics (GOPCs) of the Hospital Authority
- ❖ Designated clinics of the Department of Health (DH)
- ❖ Designated private clinics
 - Members of the public can choose a private doctor or clinic under the Vaccination Programme, and make an appointment for Sinovac vaccination or BioNTech vaccination directly with the private doctor or clinic. **Thousands of private doctors have joined the programme.**
- ❖ Residential care homes and nursing homes
 - Outreach vaccination service or vaccination by visiting medical officers to be provided.
- ❖ Hospital COVID-19 Vaccination Stations
 - COVID-19 Vaccination Stations have been set up in several public hospitals to enable patients visiting the hospital for follow-up appointments and visitors.
- ❖ Outreach vaccination service

我應接種多少劑新冠疫苗？

How many doses of COVID-19 vaccine are recommended for me?

請留意政府最新有關疫苗接種安排的公告。

Please refer to the latest announcement by the Government for the vaccination implementation arrangement.

網址 website: www.covidvaccine.gov.hk

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4 August 2022

如選擇克爾來福 (科興) 疫苗 For CoronaVac (Sinovac) vaccine:						
年齡組別 Age group	第一劑 1 st dose	間隔 Interval	第二劑 2 nd dose	間隔 Interval	第三劑 3 rd dose	第四劑 4 th dose
6個月 - 11歲 6 months - 11 years old					不適用 N/A	✗
12 - 17歲 /years old	●	28日 /days	●	●: 90日 /days ★: 28日 /days	●	★
18 - 49歲 /years old	★		★	★: 28日 /days	★	★
50歲或以上 Aged 50 years or above					●	★

如選擇復必泰 (BioNTech) 疫苗 For Comirnaty (BioNTech) vaccine:						
年齡組別 Age group	第一劑 1 st dose	間隔 Interval	第二劑 2 nd dose	間隔 Interval	第三劑 3 rd dose	第四劑 4 th dose
5 - 11歲 /years old				28日 /days (只適用於 18歲或以上)	★	✗
12 - 17歲 /years old	●	●: 56日 /days ★: 21日 /days	●	●: 150日 /days ★: 28日 /days	●	★
18 - 49歲 /years old	★		★	●: 90日 /days ★: 28日 /days	★	★
50歲或以上 Aged 50 years or above		21日 /days		●	★	★

● 一般公眾人士 (2019冠狀病毒病康復者除外)
General public (except COVID-19 recovered persons)

★ 免疫力弱人士 (2019冠狀病毒病康復者除外)
Immunocompromised individuals (except COVID-19 recovered persons)

▲ 可選擇接種 (2019冠狀病毒病康復者除外)
May choose to receive (except COVID-19 recovered persons)

✗ 並未建議接種
Not yet recommended

備註 Remarks

(1) 兒童及青少年 Children and Adolescents
有關兒童及青少年的詳細接種安排，包括有關陪同人士要求、接種時應帶備之文件及常見問題，請參閱「新冠疫苗接種常見問題之兒童及青少年篇」：
https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/FAQ_children_adolescents_CHI.pdf
For details of the vaccination arrangement for children and adolescents, including the accompany requirements and consent form requirements, please refer to the 'FAQs on COVID-19 Vaccination for Children and Adolescents' at https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/FAQ_children_adolescents_ENG.pdf

(2) 市民在可能的情况下應盡以同一款疫苗完成首兩劑接種。如因出現嚴重過敏反應而需要接種另一款疫苗的人士，請向你的主治醫生或家庭醫生取得相關醫生證明信（當中包括建議改為接種另一款疫苗的醫學原因），到疫苗接種地點。醫護人員會考慮個別情況，安排接種。
Members of the public are advised to complete the first two doses with the same product when possible. For those with anaphylaxis and would need to receive another brand for second dose, please obtain relevant doctor's certification letter (including the reason to receive another brand for second dose) from your attending doctor or family doctor and attend the vaccination venue. Health care professionals will arrange the vaccination based on individual circumstances.

(3) 免疫力弱人士包括：
Immunocompromised persons include:
1. 最近接受或過去12個月內曾接受腫瘤或免疫抑制治療
Recipients of solid organ transplant or stem cell transplant on immunosuppressive treatment
2. 曾接受器官移植或骨髓移植並正接受免疫抑制治療
Severe primary immunodeficiency or on chronic dialysis
3. 嚴重原发性免疫缺陷症或正長期接受透析治療
Advanced or untreated HIV disease
4. 晚期或未接受治療的艾滋病病毒感染
On active immunosuppressive drugs, or immunosuppressive chemotherapy/radiotherapy in past 6 months
5. 正接受免疫抑制藥物或過去6個月內曾接受過免疫抑制性化療或放射治療

(4) 接種首兩劑疫苗後，可以選擇接種同款或另一款額外劑疫苗以加強保護。
After the completion of first two doses, you may choose to receive the same brand or another brand of additional dose(s) of COVID-19 vaccines to enhance the protection.

(5) 如果你在香港以外地區接種了新冠疫苗，但不是克爾來福 (科興) 疫苗或復必泰 (BioNTech) 疫苗，請諮詢你的主治醫生或家庭醫生。
If you have received COVID-19 vaccine outside Hong Kong, which was not CoronaVac or Comirnaty, please consult the on-site healthcare workers.

(6) 有關需要人士應考慮個人風險及益處，並在知情同意下，該間可縮短至不少於三星期。
This dosing interval could be shortened to a minimum of three weeks for those with personal needs under informed consent after consideration of individual risk and benefit.

(7) 18-49歲成人若有較高暴露風險或個人需要，經考慮自身的風險和益處，可以選擇接種。
Individuals aged 18 to 49 years who are at higher risk of COVID-19 exposure or with personal needs may choose to receive after considering the individual risk and benefit.

最新資訊請參閱上版本
Please refer to online version for most updated information.

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Tiếng Việt

更多防疫資訊
For more information on fighting the virus:
www.coronavirus.gov.hk

衛生防護中心Facebook專頁
Centre for Health Protection Facebook Fanpage
[fb.com/CentreforHealthProtection](https://www.facebook.com/CentreforHealthProtection)

衛生署健康教育專線 2833 0111
Health Education Infoline of the Department of Health

Source: <https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/zh-HK/>

Vaccination Programme (Cont'd)

Children and Infants

- The minimum age for receiving the Sinovac vaccine has been lowered to 6 months from August 4, 2022
- The minimum age for receiving the BioNTech vaccine has been lowered to 5 years-old from February 26, 2022

Elderly

- Persons aged 60 or above who have received three doses of the Sinovac vaccine or the BioNTech vaccine may receive the fourth vaccine dose at least three months after their last dose from April 8, 2022
- Individuals aged 50 years or above are recommended to receive four doses of COVID-19 vaccine. They are recommended to:
 - Receive the third dose as soon as 90 days after the second dose
 - Receive the fourth dose at least 90 days after the third dose



Home Vaccination Service

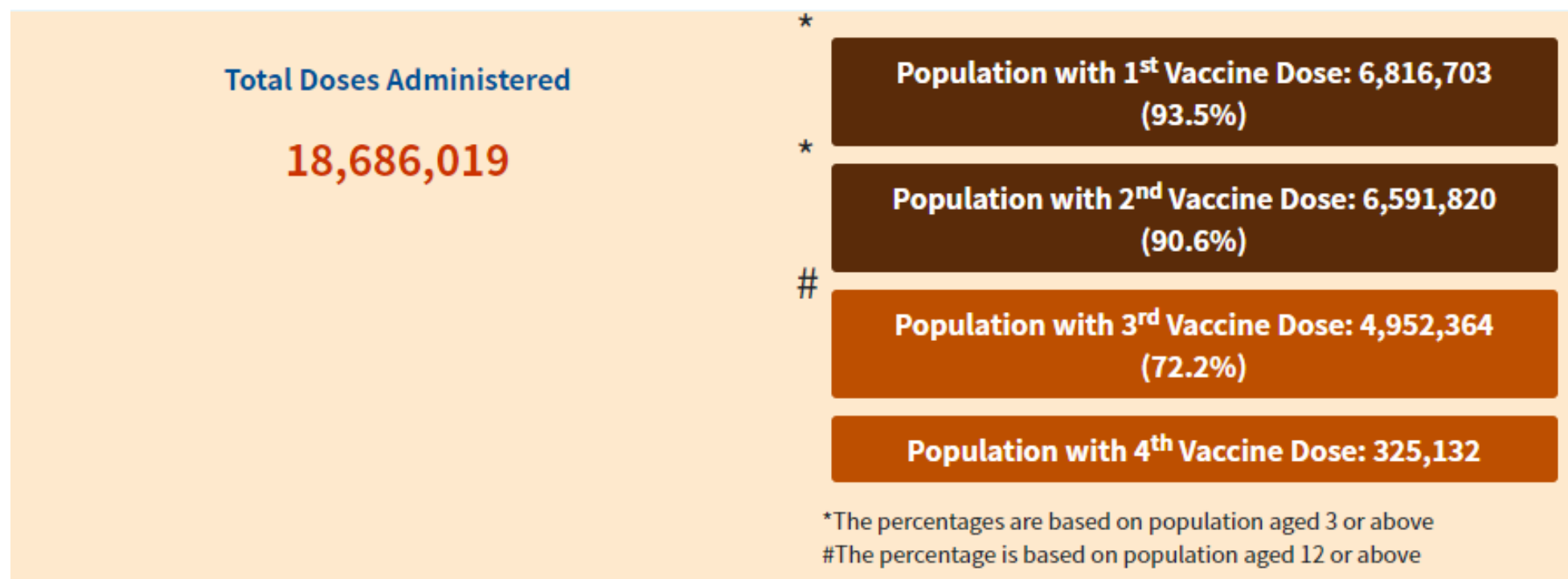
The Home Vaccination Service is open for online and phone registration starting from April 19, 2022

Members of the public can register for the free door-to-door Sinovac vaccination service via the Home Vaccination Service website or the enquiry hotline. The Service was launched on April 26, 2022.

Requirements to use the Service:

- ✓ Elderly aged 70 or above
- ✓ Persons with impaired mobility due to illness or physical disability incapable of going out to receive vaccination
- ✓ Have not received any COVID-19 vaccines

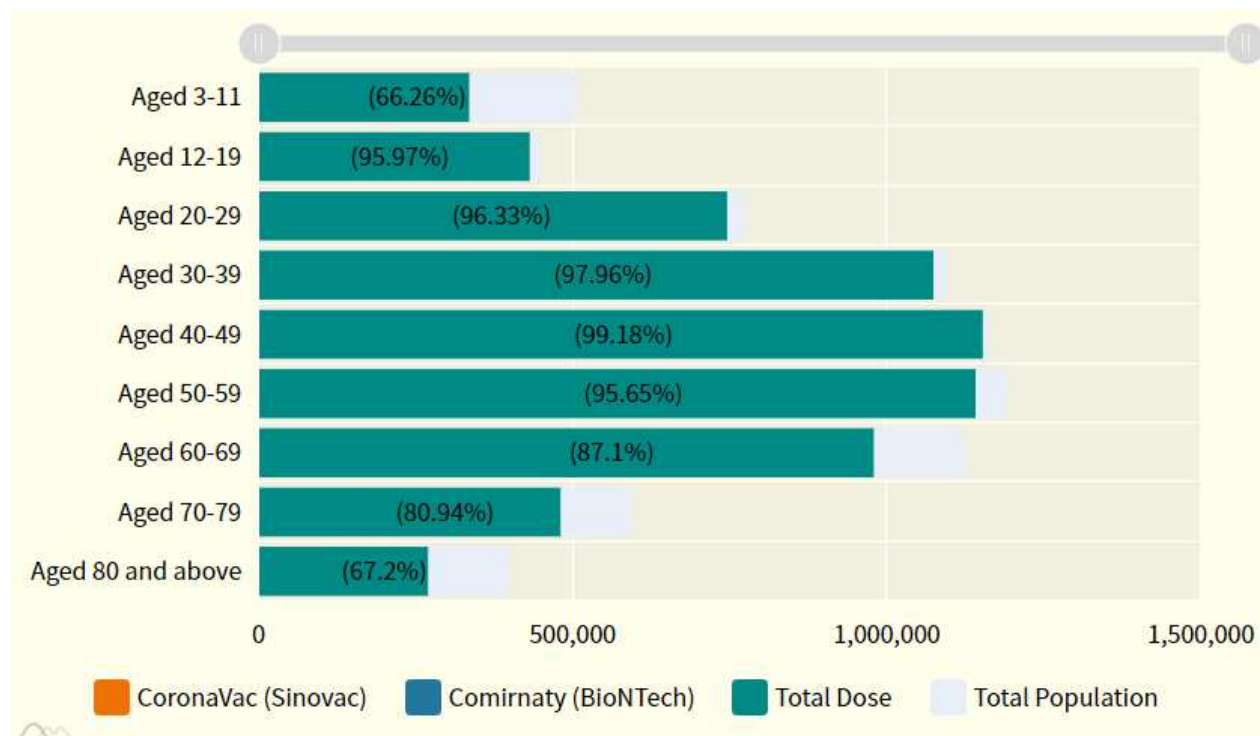
Vaccination Coverage (as of 1 Sep 2022)



Source: <https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/dashboard>

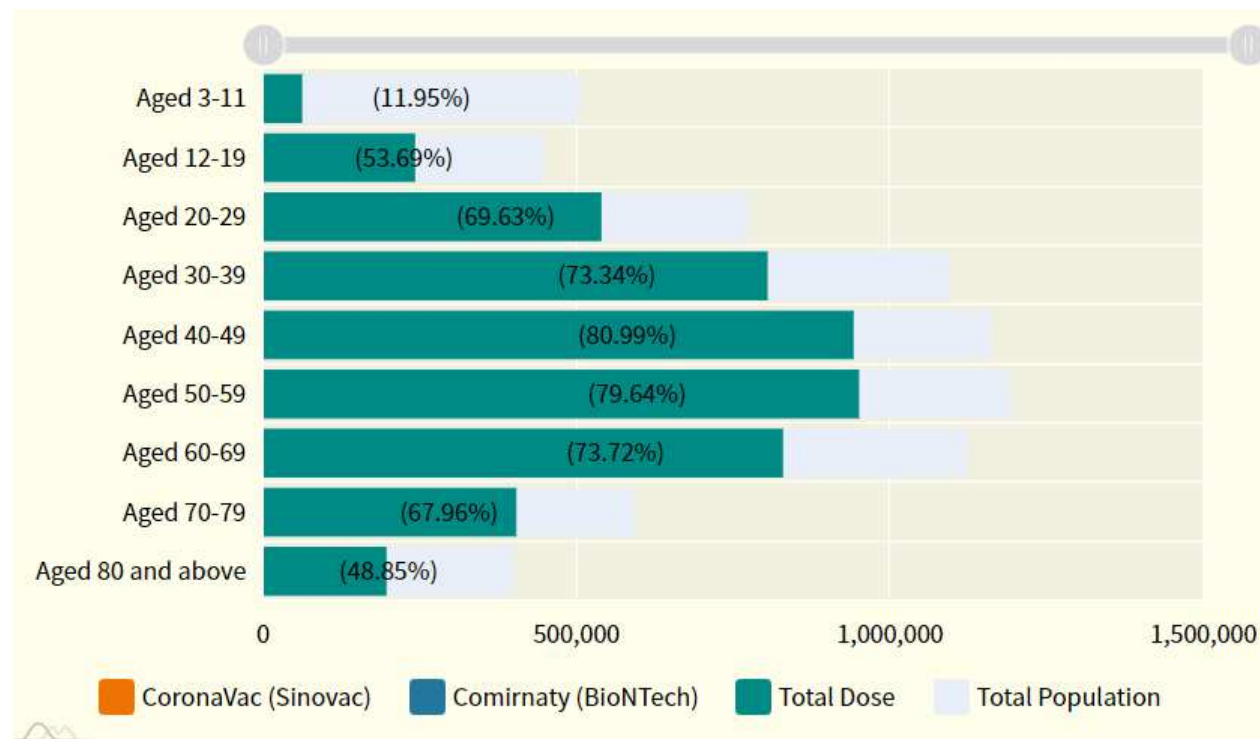
Vaccination Coverage (as of 1 Sep 2022)

Population with 2nd vaccine dose (source: <https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/dashboard>)



Vaccination Coverage (as of 1 Sep 2022)

Population with 3rd vaccine dose (source: <https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/dashboard>)



Source: HKSAR Government















2. Vaccine Pass & “Leave Home Safe” app

Vaccine Pass

Starting from 24 February 2022, all persons **aged 12 or above entering or remaining on the following specified premises including staff involved in the operation of the premises, are required to be vaccinated** according to this schedule unless they are exempted.

Source:

https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/vp_t1_ENG.pdf

Implementation Date/ Category of Persons		From 30 April to 30 May 2022	From 31 May 2022 onwards
(A) Persons aged 18 or above <small>(Note 2)</small>		 2 nd dose	 (i) 2 nd dose, if within 6 months from 2 nd dose  (ii) 3 rd dose, if after 6 months from 2 nd dose
(B) Persons aged 12 to 17 <small>(Note 3)</small>		 (i) 1 st dose, if within 6 months from 1 st dose  (ii) 2 nd dose, if after 6 months from 1 st dose	 (i) 2 nd dose, if within 6 months from 2 nd dose  (ii) 3 rd dose, if after 6 months from 2 nd dose
(C1) Recovered persons aged 12 or above <small>(Note 3)</small> within 6 months from recovery <small>(Note 4)</small>		No additional dose required	
(C2) Recovered persons aged 12 or above <small>(Note 3)</small> who had received 2 nd or 3 rd dose before COVID-19 infection <small>(Note 5)</small>		No additional dose required	
(C3) Recovered persons aged 12 or above <small>(Note 3)</small> after 6 months from recovery <small>(Note 4)</small>	(i) Not vaccinated before COVID-19 infection <small>(Note 5)</small>	 1 st dose if within 6 months from 1 st dose  2 nd dose if after 6 months from 1 st dose * 2 nd dose not required for a person aged 12-17 who took Comirnaty (BioNTech) as 1 st dose	
	(ii) Received 1 st dose before COVID-19 infection <small>(Note 5)</small>	 2 nd dose * 2 nd dose not required for a person aged 12-17 who took Comirnaty (BioNTech) as 1 st dose	

Vaccine Pass (Cont'd)

By administrative orders, Vaccine Pass requirements are also applicable to some other premises such as **schools, universities, offices of the Government and public organisations, public hospitals, residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities**, etc. The coverage of Vaccine Pass requirements of these premises may differ. For example, students are not subject to Vaccine Pass requirements imposed by primary and secondary schools.

Vaccine Pass and “Leave Home Safe” mobile app

Red Code and Amber Code is added into the Vaccine Pass to differentiate persons with higher risk of infection starting from August 9, 2022.

❖ Red Code

- Applicable to all confirmed cases
- Applicable to persons under home isolation and persons in community isolation facilities
- These persons are not allowed to leave the isolation location to avoid infecting others
- Persons under the category of Red Code are not allowed to enter all catering premises and scheduled premises regulated under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F)

❖ Amber code

- Applicable to inbound persons from overseas places or Taiwan
- Persons under the category of Amber Code not allowed to enter such premises in the capacity of a customer or visitor





Source: HKSAR Government



Source: MERCK

3. Procurement of COVID-19 Oral Antivirals

COVID-19 Oral Antivirals

A list of private doctors who have obtained COVID-19 oral drugs for prescription has been published on a designated website in April, and relaxing the eligibility of COVID-19 antiviral prescriptions in July.

- ✓ Private doctors must follow the treatment guidelines set out by the HA
- ✓ Doctors should not charge patients any fees for the COVID-19 oral drugs

Designated Clinics : patients can be present physically to seek medical and can be prescribed with the antiviral drugs

Telemedicine Service: doctors will prescribe the medications and then send the medicine to their home right away

Private Practitioners/ Private Hospitals: patients can be prescribed with the antiviral drugs if appropriate

COVID-19 Oral Antivirals Prescriptions

Patients who can be prescribed with antivirals:

❖ 18-59 years-old

- At high risk of medical illness
- Suffering from chronic illnesses
- Have symptoms of COVID-19 within five days and seek medical attention
- Don't have any contraindications to the antiviral drugs

❖ 60 years-old or above

- All will be prescribed with antivirals if they have symptoms of COVID-19 within five days and seek medical attention
- Don't have any contraindications to the antiviral drugs



Source: Reuters



Source: The Standard

4. Designated Clinics for COVID-19 Patients

Designated Clinics for COVID-19 Patients

Hospital Authority (HA) activates designated clinics for confirmed cases of COVID-19 to help provide symptomatic treatment for confirmed patients in the community, **especially the high risk patients, who are presenting with relatively mild symptoms of infection (e.g., fever, cough, sore throat) requiring medical advice.**

The healthcare staff of the designated clinics will provide appropriate treatment according to the patient's clinical condition, and will transfer the patient to the hospitals for further treatment if required

2019冠狀病毒病確診個案指定診所 專注處理輕微感染徵狀的病人 DESIGNATED CLINICS for COVID-19 Confirmed Cases for Management of Patients with Mild Symptoms

輕微感染徵狀：例如發燒、咳嗽、喉嚨痛

醫院管理局（醫管局）於2019冠狀病毒病確診個案指定診所，協助治療輕微感染徵狀而需要獲得醫生診症服務的社區確診病人，特別是較高風險患者（包括70歲或以上長者、五歲或以下小童、懷孕28週或以上的孕婦，以及免疫力受抑制的病人）。

為加強支援指定診所，指定診所特設「關愛預約專線」。上述較高風險病人，如獲派往小學學生請於指定診所預約及服務時間內透過「關愛預約專線」預約醫生診症服務。

其他確診人士則可透過醫管局一站式手機程式「HA Go」內的「預約指定診所/指定診所」功能，或於預約及服務時間內致電指定診所的一般預約電話進行預約。

此外，醫管局亦可為合適的確診病人提供轉診服務。

原本於下列指定診所長而獲診的病人，將獲安排到相應的指定診所領取補充藥物或作合適跟進。

Mild Symptoms: e.g. Fever, Cough, Sore Throat

The Hospital Authority (HA) Designated Clinics (DCs) help provide treatment for the confirmed patients in the community presenting with relatively mild symptoms of infection, especially high risk patients (including the elderly aged 70 or above, children aged 5 or below, women at 28 or more weeks of pregnancy, and immunocompromised patients).

To enhance support to designated patients, DCs have launched the "Care Booking Line" for high risk patients, kindergarten and primary school students to make appointments during booking and service hours of DCs for medical consultation.

Other confirmed patients can make appointment through the "Book Tele / DC" function in HA's one-stop mobile app "HA Go" or by calling the general booking telephone number of individual DC during the booking and service hours.

In addition, HA also provides tele-consultation service to suitable confirmed patients.

Patients who initially have follow-up appointments at the DCs listed below would be arranged to nearby clinics for medication refill or follow-up as appropriate.

敬請預約 By Appointment only	指定診所 Designated Clinics	藥物補充診所 Medication Refill Clinics		
診所 Clinic	地址及預約電話 Address & Booking Tel	診所 Clinic	地址及電話 Address & Tel	
香港 Hong Kong	譚卓基普科門診診所 Tan Tsz Kai General Out-patient Clinic	柴灣康翠邨12座地下 G/F, Block 12, Wan Tsai Estate, Chai Wan 2897 5527 關愛預約熱線: 2897 1058	柴灣普濟科門診診所 Chai Wan General Out-patient Clinic	柴灣康翠邨11號地下 G/F, 1 Hong Man Street, Chai Wan 2556 0261
	堅尼地城賽馬會 普濟科門診診所 Kennedy Town Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic	堅尼地城域多利道45號 45 Victoria Road, Kennedy Town 2817 3215 關愛預約熱線: 7083 7500	西營盤賽馬會 普濟科門診診所 Sai Ying Pun Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic	西營盤皇后大道西134號 134 Queen's Road West, Sai Ying Pun 2859 8203
九龍 Kowloon	柏立基普科門診診所 Robert Black General Out-patient Clinic	新蒲崗太子道東800號 800 Prince Edward Road East, San Po Kong 2377 2660 關愛預約熱線: 3506 4277	東九龍普濟科門診診所 East Kowloon General Out-patient Clinic	鑽石山斧山道160號新翼一樓 1/F, New Block, 160 Hammer Hill Road, Diamond Hill 2320 4240
	九龍灣健康中心 普濟科門診診所 Kowloon Bay Health Centre General Out-patient Clinic	九龍灣慈仁街9號一樓 1/F, 9 Kai Yee Street, Kowloon Bay 2116 2612 關愛預約熱線: 5215 2312	九龍灣健康中心 普濟科門診診所 Kowloon Bay Health Centre General Out-patient Clinic	九龍灣慈仁街9號一樓 1/F, 9 Kai Yee Street, Kowloon Bay 2117 1549
新界 New Territories	南葵涌賽馬會 普濟科門診診所 South Kwei Chung Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic	葵青葵盛圍310號 310 Kwai Shing Circuit, Kwai Chung 2497 4413 關愛預約熱線: 2615 7333	南葵涌賽馬會普濟科 門診診所 (分部) South Kwei Chung Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic (Extension)	葵青葵盛圍310號 310 Kwai Shing Circuit, Kwai Chung 2871 1098
	圓洲角普濟科門診診所 Yuen Chau Kok General Out-patient Clinic	沙田康翠軒29號地下 G/F, 29 Chai Wai Ken Street, Sha Tin 2647 3383 關愛預約熱線: 9147 2400	圓洲角普濟科門診診所 Lok Yuen General Out-patient Clinic	沙田威爾斯親王醫院 和玉閣爵士癌症中心1樓 1/F, The Sir Yau-keung Pao Cancer Centre, Prince of Wales Hospital, Sha Tin 2692 8730
新界 New Territories	天水圍(天樂路) 社區健康中心一樓 1/F, Tin Shui Wai (Tin Yip Road) Community Health Centre	天水圍天樂路3號一樓 (香港濕地公園及 天葵路綠景軒對面) 1/F, 3 Tin Yip Road, Tin Shui Wai (Opposite HK Wetland Park and Vanni's Cove of Tin Kwai Road) 3124 2200 關愛預約熱線: 7072 4795	天水圍(天樂路) 社區健康中心二樓 2/F, Tin Shui Wai (Tin Yip Road) Community Health Centre	天水圍天樂路3號二樓 (香港濕地公園及 天葵路綠景軒對面) 2/F, 3 Tin Yip Road, Tin Shui Wai (Opposite HK Wetland Park and Vanni's Cove of Tin Kwai Road) 3124 2300

指定診所預約及服務時間：星期一至星期日及公眾假期上午九時至下午一時；下午二時至下午五時

Booking & Service Hours of Designated Clinics: Mondays to Sundays & Public Holidays 9AM to 1PM; 2PM to 5PM

指定診所的服務時間會按實際服務需求作出調整。Service hours of Designated Clinics may adjust depending on service demand

查詢電話：2300 6555 醫管局網頁：www.ha.org.hk

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關愛諮詢服務
年滿18歲而持有香港身份證
並身處香港的確診病人可透過手機程式
「HA Go」內的「預約指定診所/指定診所」
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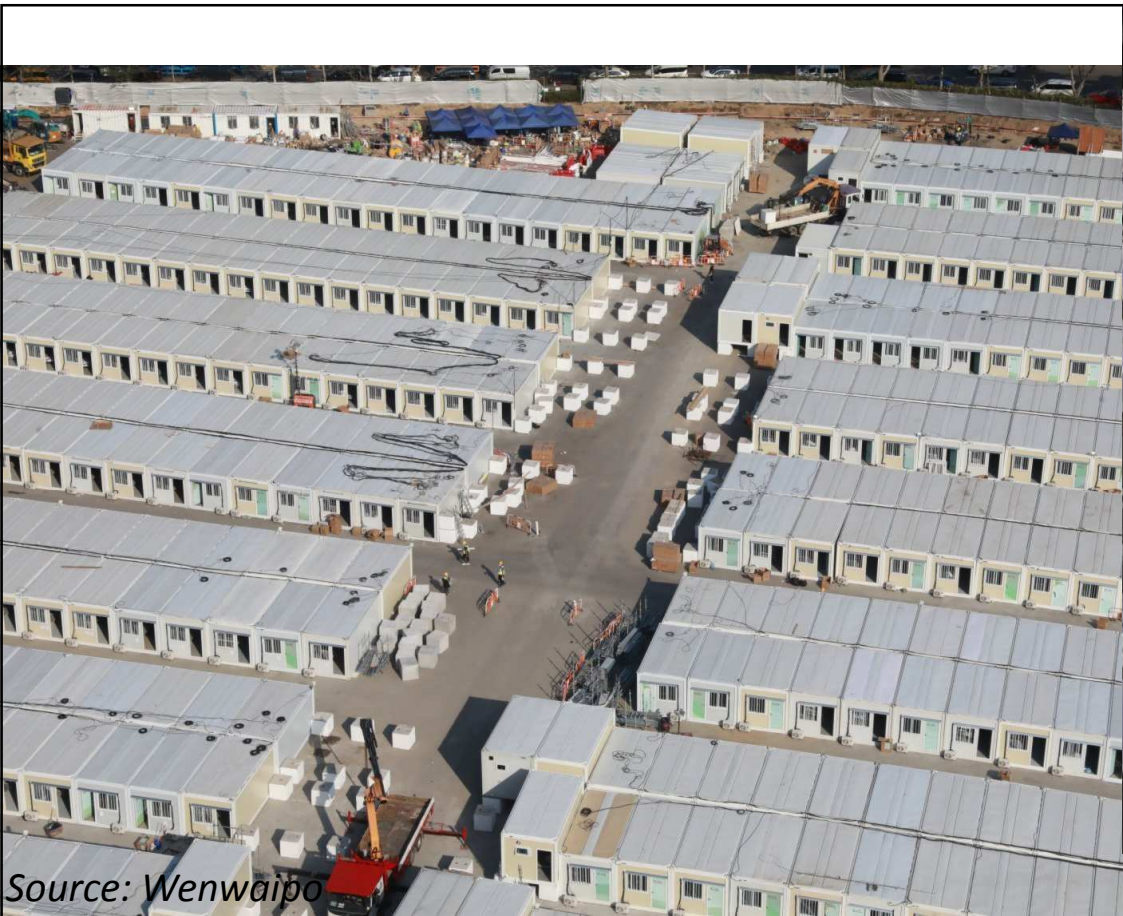
Tele-consultation Service
Confirmed patients aged 18
or above who are Hong Kong Identity Card
Holders situated in Hong Kong
can make appointment of
tele-consultation service with
"Book Tele / DC" function
in "HA Go" mobile app.



（資料日期：2020年9月1日） (Updated: 1 September 2020)

Designated Clinics for COVID-19 Patients (Cont'd)

- ❖ **7 designated clinics** for confirmed COVID-19 cases were activated in Feb 2022 in order to help provide diagnosis and treatment for the people with mild symptoms of infection after being notified by the Department of Health on their positive results and while awaiting hospital admission.
- ❖ Total of **23 designated clinics** were activated in March 2022 in order to strengthen community support for confirmed patients and implement a triage system to prioritise services for patients in critical condition.
- ❖ HA now provides 7 designated clinics services and support for the confirmed patients in the community (as of 1 Sep 2022).



Source: Wenwaipo



Source: HKET

5. Quarantine arrangements for COVID-19 patients and inbound travelers

Quarantine Arrangements – Local Cases

❖ Home Quarantine

- Persons who reside in suitable dwelling places would be considered. For example, dwelling places suspected to have transmission, dwelling places without separate washroom/kitchen, subdivided units or very small areas are considered not suitable.
- Another overarching principle is that only those who have similar risk level should be confined at the same location at a material time.
- Physical conditions of individual contacts, including self-care ability, whether care by others is needed, pregnancy status, co-morbidities, etc.

❖ Designated Quarantine Facilities

- Persons who are not suitable to home quarantine will be sent to designated quarantine facilities.

Quarantine Arrangements – Designated Quarantine Facilities


- The Government has set up quarantine centres which currently accommodate people who are close contacts of confirmed cases, but without compatible symptoms for compulsory quarantine.
- Asymptomatic patients who require no medical support but have to be isolated somewhere other than their household due to their care needs or household environment will be arranged to be admitted to community isolation facilities (CIFs) to reduce the risk of transmission.

Quarantine Arrangements – Inbound Travellers

❖ Health Declaration System

- All inbound travellers are required to complete the online Health & Quarantine Information Declaration of the Department of Health (DH).
- All persons boarding flights to Hong Kong from overseas places or Taiwan are required to submit the form online in advance (as early as three days before the day of arrival). After submitting the online form, the system will generate a health declaration QR code. The health declaration QR code is used for verification by airlines for boarding.

Source: <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html>




HKSAR Department of Health
Health & Quarantine
Information Declaration

Please undergo [compulsory testing on specific days](#) following arrival at Hong Kong as [legally required](#).

Your QR code is saved automatically (max. 4), please [click here](#) to check your code and show to the staff of the Department of Health at the Hong Kong port.

**Testing Hotel
(Booking verified)**
Expiry(HKT GMT+8): 13/08/2022 23:59




Sample


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Hong Kong International Airport

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Contact Phone No.:
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New Declaration

Quarantine Arrangements – Inbound Travellers (Cont'd)

❖ Boarding requirement

- Negative result proof of a PCR-based nucleic acid test for COVID-19 within 48 hours (Only applicable to inbound persons aged 3 or above);
- Health declaration QR code (including declaration of vaccination record; and
- Confirmation of room reservation for 3 nights starting on the day of arrival at Hong Kong in a designated quarantine hotel (DQH)

❖ Quarantine requirement

- "3+4" model: Compulsory quarantine in DQH for three days, followed by medical surveillance at home for four days, with multiple tests during medical surveillance and the monitoring period thereafter.
- **Amber Code** restrictions under the Vaccine Pass will be applied during medical surveillance period, and they are not allowed to enter high-risk premises involving mask-off or group activities, as well as other premises requiring key protection.

Designated Transportation

Overseas:

- Anti-epidemic coaches with over 20 seats to provide transport services at fixed locations and times for inbound persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 at the airport to a designated Community Isolation Facilities (CIF) since March 30, 2022.

Local:

- Designated taxi fleet was set up to provide patients with free transport services between the designated clinics and their residences from February 18, 2022
- Designated bus fleet was set up for transporting the relevant persons from their residences to the designated CIF from February 21, 2022
- Drivers of the designated fleet must wear protective equipment, including protective face shields (while not driving), masks and protective gowns, and fully disinfect the compartments every day and perform a daily rapid antigen test before providing services



Source: HKSAR Government



6. Compulsory Testing

Compulsory Testing Notice

Persons are subject to compulsory testing if they are:

❖ A visitor/resident of specified premises

- A considerable number of persons who have recently contracted the specified disease have recently been present on the premises;
- A person who has recently contracted that disease and who has recently been present on the premises is likely to have been in close proximity to a considerable number of other persons on the premises;

❖ High risk groups or high exposure groups

- Including staff of quarantine centres / hotels / facilities and designated transport, airport staff, staff of container terminals and shipping services, cold store practitioners, etc.
- Compulsory testing frequency is changed to once in every seven days

Compulsory Testing Notice (Cont'd)

❖ Direction issued by a registered medical practitioner

- The law has empowered registered medical practitioners to require, by a compulsory testing direction, any person whom the medical practitioner attends to in the course of professional practice and clinically suspects to have contracted COVID-19 to undergo a COVID-19 nucleic acid test.
- Persons who receive a compulsory testing direction should undergo a test within two days after the issue date of the written direction (the testing deadline).

❖ Persons arriving Hong Kong

- Undergo daily rapid antigen tests (RATs) until day 10;
- Undergo PCR-based nucleic acid tests on day 2, 4, 6 and 9.

Source: Hospital Authority



7. Public-Private Partnership

Coordination between public and private hospitals

- ❖ The Hospital Authority has timely adjusted its non-emergency and non-essential medical services in response to the different stages of development of the COVID-19 epidemic, including:
 - Specifically referred its patients to private hospitals for treatment through the low-charge bed mechanism established with two private hospitals and a new partnership programme with private hospitals implemented to address the demand for hospital beds.
 - Expanded the service scope of some of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) programmes and launched emergency PPP Programmes to deliver services such as orthopaedic surgery, cystoscopy, gastroscopy and breast cancer surgery, so that affected patients can be treated as early as possible.

Coordination from private sectors

- ❖ Tele-health Hub: about 50 private doctors or retired doctors participating in a locum scheme take turns to provide services. The Hub to render support to confirmed COVID-19 patients who are undergoing isolation in the community and to provide infection control guidelines and tele-health advice for help seekers and their family.
- ❖ About 780 healthcare professionals have signed up to take part in various anti-epidemic work, which includes providing medical support to community isolation facilities, joining the HA's anti-epidemic team and assisting in speeding up COVID-19 vaccination
- ❖ The Government has commissioned the HA to undergo strategic purchasing with private healthcare institutions in order to provide medical support for users at community isolation facilities