

Dear Key Appointment Holders and EA Personnel,

Reminder to update overseas vaccination records in the National Immunisation Registry (NIR)

2. From 1 Nov 2021, all work pass holders, including migrant domestic workers (MDWs)/confinement nannies (CNs) are required to be fully vaccinated to enter Singapore [1]. MDWs/CNs who have received their vaccination overseas must update their vaccination records in the National Immunisation Registry within 30 days of arrival in Singapore.

3. Your EA should take the MDW for a serology test at a [Public Health Preparedness Clinic](#) and bring along the vaccination certificates (translated into English) for the clinic to verify and update the vaccination record within the NIR. If the employer prefers to make his/her own arrangement for the serology test, please remind employers in writing on the vaccination entry requirements and timeline for the serology test. If the serology test is included as part of the medical examination, please ensure that the clinic is aware of the request to submit the overseas vaccination record to NIR. MDWs/CNs holding digitally verifiable vaccination certificates (DVC) may not need to take a serology test but must still visit a healthcare provider who will scan the DVC to verify its authenticity and update the records in NIR. Please refer to [MOH's FAQ](#) for the list of eligible DVCs exempted from serology testing.

4. You are reminded to follow up promptly to facilitate the update of the MDW's overseas vaccination records if this has not been done. As mentioned in EA alert (27/2021), MOM may take administrative action, including imposition of demerit points, if EAs fail to facilitate the update of vaccination records for their MDWs post arrival.

Complete 3-dose primary series regime for Sinovac-CoronaVac or equivalent vaccine

5. Due to the lower efficacy of the Sinovac-CoronaVac vaccine, all individuals, including MDWs/CNs, who have received 1 to 2 doses of Sinovac-CoronaVac are strongly encouraged to complete a 3-dose primary series regime with mRNA vaccines (Pfizer-Comirnaty or Moderna) at any mRNA vaccination centre. Those who are ineligible to receive mRNA vaccines should receive 3 doses of Sinovac-CoronaVac in total to complete their 3-dose primary series regime at any of the clinics administering Sinovac-CoronaVac.

6. Those who have taken 2 doses of the Sinovac-CoronaVac will be regarded as fully vaccinated for 4 months after the second dose. Beyond this time interval, the MDWs' vaccination status will revert to 'additional dose needed' and will be subject to the prevailing vaccination-differentiated safe management measures (VDS). The above guidelines will also apply to MDWs/CNs who have received the Sinopharm BIBP vaccine.

7. For more information on vaccination guidelines, please refer to [MOH's Press Release](#), or EA alert (29/2021) and remind MDWs/CNs and their employers accordingly.

Requirement for booster dose to maintain fully vaccinated status

8. On 5 Jan 2022, the Government announced the [requirement for booster dose to maintain fully vaccinated status](#). From 14 Feb 2022, individuals who have completed their primary vaccination series of COVID-19 vaccines and are eligible for booster vaccination will be considered as fully

vaccinated for 270 days after the last dose in their primary vaccination series. They should receive their booster vaccination no later than 270 days thereafter, to maintain their fully vaccinated status.

9. The [Expert Committee on COVID-19 Vaccination](#) recommends vaccinated individuals to receive a mRNA booster vaccine dose **[2]** five months after the last dose of their primary vaccination series, or as soon as possible thereafter, to maintain good protection against COVID-19. This booster dose should not be delayed beyond 9 months after the primary vaccination series. Please refer to [Annex A](#) for a summary of the recommendations.

10. MDWs/CNs who have completed the primary vaccination series should receive the booster dose when eligible (i.e. 5 months later) and no later than 270 days. Doing so will allow them to maintain the fully vaccinated status.

11. The Government had also previously announced that [COVID-19 vaccination would be a condition for the approval or renewal of work passes from 1 Feb 2022](#). All work pass holders, including MDWs, must be fully vaccinated and adhere to all vaccination requirements as set out by MOH (refer [here](#) for more information).

12. Please take note of the requirements and update MDWs and their employers accordingly.

[1] MDWs who entered Singapore via industry initiatives with tightened end-to-end safe management processes were allowed entry without vaccination. However, they must be fully vaccinated within two months of arrival in Singapore.

[2] This includes either the Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty or the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. The Sinovac-CoronaVac vaccine should only be considered as a booster vaccine in individuals who are medically ineligible to receive mRNA vaccines.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A: Booster vaccination recommendations

(A) If vaccinated with mRNA vaccines

- Recommended to receive a booster dose of either the Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty or the Moderna covid-19 vaccine around 5 months after the second dose, or as soon as possible thereafter

(B) If vaccinated with Sinovac-CoronaVac or Sinopharm vaccines (3 dose primary series)

- Recommended to receive a booster dose of either the Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty or the Moderna covid-19 vaccine around 5 months after the third dose (if 3rd dose is an mRNA vaccine) or 3 months after the third dose (if third dose is a Sinovac-CoronaVac/Sinopharm vaccine)

(C) If vaccinated with other vaccines

- Recommended to receive a booster dose of either the Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty or the Moderna covid-19 vaccine around 5 months after, or as soon as possible thereafter

(D) If recovered from COVID-19 infection

- Individuals who recovered from COVID-19 and were unvaccinated or partially vaccinated before their infection should receive 1 dose of the mRNA vaccine at least 3 months after infection
- Individuals who recovered from COVID-19 and were fully vaccinated before their infection do not require an additional booster dose at this point