

CHI YUN SCHOOL

2022-2023

Strengthening Health Precautionary Measures for the New School Year

31st August 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The 2022/23 school year will soon start. In view of the recent upsurge of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Hong Kong, the Education Bureau (EDB) reminds schools to stay vigilant and strictly put in place adequate anti-epidemic measures to prepare for the new school year.

Strengthening Anti-Epidemic Measures

School Environmental and Personal Hygiene

Teachers and school staff within the school premises must wear well-fitted surgical masks at all times to minimise the risk of virus transmission, maintain appropriate social distances, and avoid crowd gathering and dining in groups. Parents must ensure students to check their body temperature and undergo rapid antigen test (RAT) each day before returning to school. In order to identify early confirmed cases, the EDB urges schools to encourage our teachers, school staff and students to undergo daily RAT two days in advance before the start of the school year (i.e. 30 and 31 August 2022). Those teachers and school staff and students with fever, respiratory symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19 by RAT should not return to school for work/study.

“Vaccine Pass”

The EDB earlier announced that except for exempted persons, all teaching and non-teaching staff, persons providing on-campus services, as well as visitors of all kindergartens / kindergartens-cum-child care centers (hereafter referred to as “kindergartens” (KGs)), primary and secondary schools (including special schools and their boarding section, schools offering non-local curriculum), and schools offering non-formal curriculum (PSNFCs, commonly known as “tutorial schools”), must fulfill the “Vaccine Pass” requirements when entering school premises. The Government has also earlier announced that the “Vaccine Pass” function would be strengthened and the quarantine arrangements for those persons arriving in Hong Kong would be adjusted. The EDB has revised the anti-epidemic arrangements for schools, including the newly introduced measures to be taken by schools for persons with “Red Code” and “Amber Code”. Teachers, school staff and students have to report proactively their “Red Code” and “Amber Code” status. Persons with a “Red Code” must not return to school to work or study; if they are with an “Amber Code”, they may return to school to work or study after obtaining a negative RAT result on each day.

Arrangements for Extra-Curricular Activities for Individual Students

Currently for individual students who have received two doses of vaccine for more than 14 days, schools may arrange these students to stay at school after lessons or the other half-day for non-academic extra-curricular activities (e.g. music and sports activities, school team training, etc.). These students may also participate in some mask off activities at school (including both in-class and after-class activities).

To further strengthen the protective barrier of schools, starting from 1 October 2022, the related requirements will be stepped up. Students will be required to have received three doses of vaccine. The above arrangements are not applicable to students aged 5 to 11 years who are required to receive only two doses of BioNTech vaccine, and students with prior COVID-19 infection who are not required to take the third dose of vaccine. Students who have received two doses of vaccine but are still within the time interval waiting to receive the third dose should, by following the CHP's recommendation, receive the third dose of vaccine within one week upon their being eligible to do so.

Students with Needs for Care

Students (including boarders) receiving care services must have received three doses of vaccine on or before 1 October 2022 (excluding those who have received two doses of vaccine but are still within the time interval waiting to receive the third dose, students aged 5 to 11 years who are required to receive only two doses of BioNTech vaccine, and students with prior COVID-19 infection who are not required to take the third dose of vaccine).

Understanding the General Situation of School Vaccination

In order to understand the general situation of vaccination in schools, and to formulate appropriate measures to beef up the promotion of vaccination so that students can obtain more comprehensive and effective protection as soon as possible, the EDB will collect the vaccination rates of teaching and non-teaching staff directly employed by the schools and also students through monthly online questionnaires starting from September in the 2022/23 school year.

School Vaccination Commendation Scheme

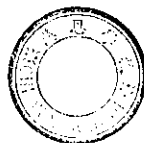
The EDB will launch the School Vaccination Commendation Scheme (“Commendation Scheme”) to give recognition to those school that are proactive in encouraging students and parents to get vaccinated and with high vaccination rates of students. At the same time, the Commendation Scheme also aims to motivate other schools with relatively low vaccination rates to make further efforts to encourage parents and students to receive vaccination. The Commendation Scheme covers all secondary schools, primary schools, special schools, private schools offering non-local curriculum and KGs in Hong Kong.

Under the Commendation Scheme, if the vaccination rates of students in our school having received three doses of vaccine (excluding students who have received two doses of vaccine but are within the time interval waiting for the third dose² or students aged 5 to 11 years who are required to receive only two doses of BioNTech vaccine⁵, or students with prior COVID-19 infection who are not required to take the third dose of vaccine) reach the percentages as listed in the following table, a certificate will be issued to the school and the list of awarded schools will also be uploaded onto the EDB website to recognise the achievements. The certificates will be presented in December, February, April and June. Schools that have achieved three or more Gold Awards will receive a Platinum Award.

Vaccination rate of students having received three doses of vaccine (counting from the data of the first day of each award-giving month)	Award
90% or above	Gold
80% or above to 90% or below	Silver
70% or above to 80% or below	Bronze

The school premise had been cleaned and sanitized, our school is ready for the new school year. For further enquiries, please contact the Class Teacher/Hostel Instructor at 2386 2010.

Yours faithfully,



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