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VACCINE BOOSTER TO MAINTAIN FULLY VACCINATED STATUS

This circular provides an update to aviation sector employers on the Ministry of Health's (MOH) policy on the use of vaccine booster to maintain a person's fully vaccinated status.

- With effect from 14 February 2022, persons aged 18 years and above who have completed the 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 from around 5 months thereafter as recommended by the Expert Committee on COVID-19 Vaccination (EC19V) and no later than 270 days thereafter, to ensure an optimal level of protection. Upon receiving their booster, they will continue to be considered as fully vaccinated beyond the 270 days.
- For example, if an individual completed his primary vaccination series on 1 June 2021, he would be eligible for a booster vaccination 5 months later, i.e. from 1 November 2021 onwards, and would have to receive his booster by 26 February 2022 to continue to be considered as fully vaccinated.
- 4 For vaccinated persons who have recovered from COVID-19, no additional booster dose is required at this point in time. However, recovered persons who were unvaccinated or partially vaccinated before their infection should receive one dose of the mRNA vaccine (two doses if they are taking Sinovac-CoronaVac vaccine) at least three months after infection to be considered as fully vaccinated. The 270-day vaccination validity period does not apply to recovered persons who complete this vaccination requirement.
- Frontline workers between the ages of 18 and 59 who have completed the last 5 dose of the primary series vaccination at least 5 months ago but have not yet received SMS notifications from MOH may walk into any Vaccination Centre offering the mRNA COVID-19 vaccine and receive the booster vaccination without an appointment. Those aged 60 and above can walk into any of the participating Public Health Preparedness Polyclinics, Clinics (PHPCs) or as well as the Vaccination (https://www.vaccine.gov.sg/locations-vcs), to receive the booster dose without making an appointment.
- 6 Please refer to the MOH website (https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/vaccination/faqs---booster-doses) for Frequently Asked Questions on the Vaccine

Booster Programme. A poster which describes the policy is appended at the $\underline{\textbf{Annex}}$ $\underline{\textbf{A}}$.

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