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UPDATES ON COVID-19 SECOND BOOSTER VACCINATION

1. This circular provides an update on:
 - a. The recommendation by the Expert Committee on COVID-19 Vaccination (EC19V) on the COVID-19 second booster vaccination.
 - b. Reporting of airport workers' 2nd booster take-up rate by companies providing services at Changi and Seletar Airport.

Groups Eligible for Second Booster Dose

2. To further strengthen vaccine effectiveness against severe diseases, the EC19V has **recommended that**:
 - a. all persons **aged 60 and older** should receive a second mRNA COVID-19 booster vaccine five months after their first booster. Persons who are medically vulnerable, regardless of age, are also encouraged to receive their second booster.
 - b. second booster will continue to be **offered to all persons aged 50 to 59 years**.
3. Persons who recovered from COVID-19 should follow the recommendations above. The second booster should be from about five months after the first booster but should be deferred until at least 28 days after the infection although they are recommended to do so three months from the infection for better effectiveness.¹
4. As we prepare for the recovery of air travel during year end travelling season and the approaching northern winter, it is recommended for companies to encourage your staff who are eligible to receive the second booster vaccination to increase personal protection. All persons eligible for vaccination can walk into any of the 10 Joint Testing Vaccination Centres (JTVCs) located across the island.² They may also

¹ For enquiries on the 2nd booster, please refer to MOH website: <https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/vaccination/faqs> or call MOH COVID-19 Hotline at **6995 9199**.

² Please refer to <https://www.gowhere.gov.sg/vaccine> for the locations and opening hours of the vaccination centres.

book an appointment at the JTVCS, participating Public Health Preparedness Clinics (PHPCs), or polyclinics via their SMS invitation.

Reporting of Status of 2nd Booster Dose to CAAS

5. Companies are requested to submit a monthly update on the status of their 2nd booster dose amongst their eligible workforce (i.e workers aged 50 years and above) who are categorized as Category A³ and Category B⁴ workers.

6. Companies are to submit the required information through: <https://go.gov.sg/2ndboosterdose>. Kindly provide your first update on Monday, 19 September 2022, by 12 pm. Subsequent updates should be submitted every first Monday of the month, by 12 pm, with effect from October 2022.

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³ Category A is defined as air crew and workers involved in cleaning and disinfection services; or those who come into close contact with travellers and their belongings, or physically handle air cargo (i.e. direct interaction).

⁴ Category B is defined as airport workers delivering essential services, or office staff involved in COVID-19 related work (i.e. indirect interaction).