To:	All Students
From:	Deputy President and Provost
CC:	All Staff
Subject:	Vaccine Bubble for Campus Access
Date:	20 January 2022

Dear Students

In light of the recent surge in local COVID-19 cases, the University has decided to step up the vaccination/testing requirements and roll out vaccine bubble arrangement for campus access.

All staff and students must have received <u>at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine before 24</u> <u>February 2022 and then at least two doses of COVID-19 vaccine before 21 April 2022 (i.e. in</u> <u>eight weeks' time) for campus access</u> unless they have proof from a medical practitioner that they are medically unfit for COVID-19 vaccination.

For those who have received the first dose of vaccine while awaiting the second dose, they are required to undergo regular weekly testing and report negative test results via the COVID-19 Vaccination Status Reporting Portal for campus access from 24 February 2022 until they receive the second dose before 21 April 2022.

For <u>those who are medically unfit for vaccination</u>, they are required to undergo regular tests every 3 days and report negative test results via the COVID-19 Vaccination Status Reporting Portal for campus access from 24 February 2022.

All students are required to have their vaccination and testing records uploaded to the <u>COVID-19</u> <u>Vaccination Status Reporting Portal</u>. Otherwise, their access to campus will be denied until the requirements are fulfilled.

The University will review and adjust the arrangements as needed in response to the evolving pandemic situation and the Government's COVID-19 measures.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Medical Related Enquiries

University Health Service (UHS) via email at uhshelp@polyu.edu.hk

Technical Issues Related to COVID-19 Vaccination Status Reporting Portal IT HelpCentre of the Information Technology Services Office (ITS) at 2766 5900

In-house COVID-19 PCR Test Related Enquiries

Department of Applied Biology and Chemical Technology (ABCT) via email at covid.survey@polyu.edu.hk

LTA Arrangements

Academic Registry via hotline at (852) 2333 0600 or email at ar.dept@polyu.edu.hk

Thank you for your support in contributing to a safe campus for the University.

Kind regards

Professor W.T. Wong Deputy President and Provost From: Deputy President and Provost

- To: All Students
- CC: All Staff

Subject: Vaccination and Testing Requirement for Students in Semester Two of 2021/22 Academic Year

Date: 12 November 2021

Dear Students,

As announced by Professor K.Y. Wong, Vice President (Education), on 27 October 2021 (enclosed), students have been informed in advance that general learning and teaching activities in Semester Two will be conducted face-to-face (f2f) on campus while essential learning and teaching activities taking the form of practicums, clinical skills training, hands-on laboratory sessions, placements, trainings, studio sessions, field studies and the like will continue to be conducted f2f as in Semester One.

To ensure a safe campus for the PolyU community with the returning to the pre-pandemic norm of conducting learning and teaching activities f2f as mentioned, students are required to either get fully vaccinated **by 27 December 2021** or undergo **weekly** testing in order to <u>enter</u> <u>campus</u> starting from the commencement of Semester Two **on 10 January 2022**. Students should complete self-reporting on their vaccination status via the <u>COVID-19 Vaccination</u> <u>Status Reporting Portal</u> prior to accessing campus. Students without valid self-reporting will be denied access to campus.

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Thank you for your support for contributing to a safe campus for the University's resumption of normal operations.

Yours sincerely,

Professor W.T. Wong Deputy President and Provost (The Chinese version of this email is displayed after the English version. 本電郵中文版載於 英文版之後。)

То	:	All Students and All Staff
From	:	Deputy President and Provost, and Executive Vice President
Subject	:	Announcement on Vaccination and Testing Arrangements
Date	:	8 June 2021

Dear Students and Staff

Further to the announcement on encouraging students and staff to get the COVID-19 vaccination and testing, the Central Management Team has collected feedback from various channels, including PUSA and Students' Union. This email serves to update you on the related arrangements.

In order that normal face-to-face teaching, learning and research activities can be resumed in the new 2021/22 academic year after 1.5 years of online teaching and disruption of normal operation, the University needs your understanding and support for the following requirements and arrangements, which take into account individual circumstances while striving to provide a safe and healthy campus for all PolyU members and upholding our civic responsibility for public health.

Vaccination Arrangements

- Vaccination is the most scientific and effective way to safeguard the health of ourselves as well as others. We strongly encourage all PolyU students who have to come to campus for normal face-to-face classroom learning and teaching activities in the new academic year, and all PolyU staff who regularly come to campus for work, to be vaccinated and complete the second jab before 15 August 2021.
- Students and staff can choose to get vaccination at the University Health Service Clinic (UHS) or Community Vaccination Centres. To provide more convenience to you, UHS has arranged on-campus mass vaccination on the following dates:

7-8 July 2021

1st dose COVID-19 vaccination campaign for BioNTech (Comirnaty 復必泰疫苗)

28-29 July 2021

2nd dose COVID-19 vaccination campaign for BioNTech (Comirnaty 復必泰疫苗)

In addition to the existing provision of Sinovac (科興)'s CoronaVac (克爾來福疫苗) vaccination at UHS, mass vaccination of CoronaVac will also be arranged by UHS. Details of the enrollment for the vaccination campaigns will be announced by UHS soon.

• We understand that you may have concerns about the side effects of the COVID-19 vaccines. You may refer to the attached FAQs about vaccines and side effects. UHS will soon organize an online health education talk on vaccines, to be conducted by an infectious disease specialist. Education videos about COVID-19 vaccines developed by Department of Health will also be played on the installed TV screens across campus. For those who have medical concerns, you are encouraged to seek medical advice at UHS or with your own medical doctors before vaccination.

One-off Vaccination Leave

- Staff will have a day of vaccination leave for each vaccination dose received so that they can have time to recuperate after getting vaccinated. They should take the vaccination leave on the day of vaccination or the working day immediately after the vaccination (on a 2 consecutive half days/a full day basis). Vaccination leave is not a contractual benefit, so it will lapse if it is not taken. This one-off vaccination leave arrangement is effective from today until 31 August 2021. Those who vaccinate on or after 1 September 2021 will not have vaccination leave.
- Those who were vaccinated earlier will also be allowed to apply for one day of authorised absence for each dose already received, which shall be taken no later than 31 August 2021.
- Department Heads will approve the vaccination leave and authorized absence applications and keep a proper record separately, instead of using the current HR leave system for application and approval.

COVID-19 Weekly Testing

- Students or staff who choose not to get vaccinated will be required to undergo a weekly COVID-19 screening test. The first test should be done by 25 August 2021.
- The eligible users of UHS can consult UHS to assess their health conditions if they have concerns about vaccination. For those who have medical certification issued by UHS or other registered medical practitioners of being not suitable for vaccination and those genuine cases of medical concerns with letter of certification issued by UHS, they can make an online application to UHS for using the in-house testing facility free of charge. Online application will be opened in early August 2021.
- Successful applicants for free weekly testing should follow the on-campus COVID-19 test procedure to collect the test kit from a campus kiosk and return the specimen bottle to a designated campus collection point on a weekly basis. They will receive email notifications of their test result. Details will be advised upon successful application.

- For those who choose not to be vaccinated for other reasons, they will have to undergo weekly testing at community testing centres or clinics at their own expense and submit their test results to the University. They can do a screen capture of their phone's SMS message containing the test result from a testing centre or take a photo of the test result document issued by a clinic, and upload them to the University via eForm. If the test result is positive, they should notify the University immediately.
- Weekly testing instead of bi-weekly testing is required because this can better ensure a safe study and work place for all. When more students and staff have been vaccinated and the herd immunity starts to take effect, the weekly testing requirement can be reviewed and relaxed.

Teaching Arrangement

Students who do not take vaccination or undergo weekly testing are required to continue their study online. They may access the campus and library or attend essential face-to-face learning and teaching activities (e.g. practicums and clinical skills training) by observing the University's health and safety measures for COVID-19 pandemic as well as the Government's related regulations. Please refer to the notice "Arrangements for Learning, Teaching and Assessment for Semester One of 2021/22" dated 1 June 2021 for more details, or contact the Academic Registry [hotline: (852) 2333 0600 or email: ar.dept@polyu.edu.hk] for enquiries.

Self-reporting

- Students and staff are required to self-report their COVID-19 vaccination status and records from mid-August 2021, using an online reporting system being developed by Information Technology Services (ITS) Office. Please refer to the attached flow chart for related procedures.
- The data and records of students and staff via the reporting system will be encrypted. All medical certification letters, vaccination status and records, and the test results submitted to the University will be accessed by authorized staff in UHS only on a need-to-know basis, in accordance with the data privacy requirements. The collected data will be retained for no more than a month.

Requirements for Visitors

• For visitors who come to campus occasionally, they do not need to comply with the above vaccination or weekly testing requirement, but are required to observe the University's campus access requirements including health and safety measures for COVID-19 pandemic.

Please refer to the attached FAQs for more information.

The Central Management Team takes note that PUSA has conducted a survey among PolyU staff members on their views towards the vaccination/testing requirements and is compiling a report. The University will review the implementation of the vaccination / testing requirements in due time, taking into account further views expressed in PUSA's survey, the evolving pandemic situation, the herd immunity level of the University population, and the Government's relevant measures.

The COVID-19 pandemic has sustained for more than 1.5 years and has adversely affected our normal lives and campus activities. We sincerely hope that all our students and staff will support the above arrangements so that the University can resume normal campus activities starting from the new academic year, and work together to address the public health challenges as responsible citizens.

Warm regards

WT Wong, Deputy President and Provost Miranda Lou, Executive Vice President

<u>(中譯本)</u>

- 致 : 所有學生和員工
- 由 : 常務及學務副校長和行政副校長
- 主旨: 有關接種疫苗及病毒檢測安排的通告

各位同學、各位同事:

就本校早前發出通告,鼓勵學生及員工接種新冠疫苗和接受檢測一事,大學管理層從不同渠道(包括理大教職員協會和學生會)徵集了意見。在此向大家交代校方在有關方面的安排。

在過去一年半,教學需以網上模式進行,校園運作亦受到影響。為了能在 2021/22 新學年恢復正 常面授教學和研究活動,希望各位能理解和支持校方推行以下措施和安排。此等措施和安排在顧 及個人需要之餘,目的是希望能為理大所有成員提供安全和健康的校園環境,並共同履行公民責 任,保障公衆健康。

疫苗接種安排

- 接種疫苗是保障自己和他人健康的最科學及有效方法。我們十分鼓勵需要在新學年回校 參與面授教學活動的同學及恆常回校工作的員工接種疫苗,并且最好在 2021 年 8 月 15 日之前完成接種第二劑疫苗。
- 學生和員工可選擇在大學醫療保健處或社區疫苗接種中心接種疫苗。為了便利大家,大 學醫療保健處已安排於以下日期在校內進行大規模疫苗接種:

2021 年 7 月 7 日至 8 日

第一劑新冠疫苗接種(復必泰)

2021年7月28日至29日

第二劑新冠疫苗接種(復必泰)

至於科興疫苗,除了現時由大學醫療保健處所提供的接種服務外,該處亦會安排在校園 進行大規模接種。

有關登記接種疫苗的詳情,大學醫療保健處將於稍後公布。

我們理解大家或許擔心接種新冠疫苗可能引起的副作用,就此大家可參考附件「常見問題」有關疫苗及副作用的部份。大學醫療保健處亦將安排由傳染病專家主持網上健康教育講座,同時校方會透過校園電視播放衞生署提供的新冠疫苗教育節目。若有任何健康方面的疑問,我們鼓勵你在接種疫苗前諮詢大學醫療保健處或自己的醫生。

一次性「疫苗假期」

- 員工每接種一劑疫苗,均可享有一天「疫苗假期」,讓其於接種後獲得充分休息。他們應 在接種疫苗的當天或緊接著的工作天(以連續兩個半天或一整天的形式)休假。「疫苗假 期」並非僱員合約福利,員工若於接種疫苗後沒有休假,「疫苗假期」會隨之失效。這一 次性的「疫苗假期」安排即日生效,直至2021年8月31日止。在2021年9月1日或之後 接種疫苗的員工將不會獲得「疫苗假期」。
- 至於早前已接種疫苗的員工,亦可就每劑已接種的新冠疫苗,於2021年8月31日或之前 獲得特許休假一天。
- 各學系主任和部門主管將負責批核「疫苗假期」及特許休假的申請,並妥善保存有關紀錄。整個過程毋需使用人力資源處的假期申請/批核系統。

新冠病毒每週檢測

- 學生或員工若選擇不接種疫苗,便須每週接受新冠病毒檢測,第一次檢測須於2021年8月25日前完成。
- 如對接種疫苗有任何疑慮,大學醫療保健處的合資格使用者可聯絡保健處,評估其健康狀況。如獲大學醫療保健處或其他註冊醫生簽發不適合接種疫苗的證明,或獲得大學醫療保健處確認其情況確實存有醫療方面的顧慮並予以證明,可透過網上向大學醫療保健處申請免費使用校內檢測設施。網上申請系統將於2021年8月初開通。
- 成功申請免費使用校內檢測設施者須遵循有關的病毒檢測程序,每週從校園指定的提取站 領取檢測套裝,並依時將樣本瓶交回指定的收集點。受檢測者將透過電郵收到檢測結果。
 學生和員工在成功申請免費檢測之後將獲通知檢測程序的詳情。
- 因其他理由而選擇不接種疫苗者須自費在社區檢測中心或診所進行每週檢測,並將其電話 收到的來自檢測中心的檢測結果短訊截圖,或將診所提供的檢測結果文件拍照,再把截圖 或照片透過電子表格上載予大學。如果測試結果為陽性,應立即通知大學。
- 大學要求未接種疫苗的學生或員工每週而非每兩週檢測一次,目的是確保理大成員得以在 安全的環境下學習和工作。當更多學生和員工完成接種疫苗,群體免疫開始生效時,大學 將審視有關要求,每週檢測的要求或可放寬。

教學安排

 若學生沒有接種疫苗,也沒有進行每週檢測,便須繼續透過網上模式上課。他們可進入校 園使用圖書館及參加基本的面授教學活動(例如實習課程及臨床技能培訓),惟須遵守大 學因應新型冠狀病毒疫情所制訂的健康及安全措施,以及政府的相關法例。請參閱2021年 6月1日發出的有關 "<u>2021/22 學年第一學期教學和評核安排</u>"的通告。如有疑問,請向教務處查詢(熱線電話:2333 0600;電郵:ar.dept@polyu.edu.hk)。

自行呈報

- 學生和員工須自2021年8月中旬起,透過大學資訊科技處開發的網上系統自行呈報疫苗接 種狀況和紀錄。相關程序可參考隨附的流程圖。
- 學生和員工透過該報告系統所提供的資料將會加密處理。醫生簽發的證明、疫苗接種狀況 和紀錄,以及呈交予大學的檢測結果這些資料,將按照個人資料(私隱)條例處理,僅供 獲授權的大學醫療保健處人員在有需要的情況下參閱。所收集的個人資料保存期不會超過 一個月。

對訪客的要求

 只是偶然到訪校園的人士毋須履行以上疫苗接種/每週檢測的要求,但須遵守大學就進入 校園所訂立的相關要求,包括防疫健康和安全措施。

如欲了解更多資訊,請參閱隨附的「常見問題」。

大學管理層知悉理大教職員協會日前透過問卷調查收集同事對疫苗接種/檢測要求的意見,並正在整理有關報告。大學將考慮報告的意見、疫情的變化、大學成員的群體免疫水平以及相關的政府措施,適時檢討大學在疫苗接種/檢測方面的要求及實施情況。

新型冠狀病毒疫情已持續超過一年半,我們的校園活動以至日常生活均深受影響。在此再次呼籲 全體學生與員工支持校方的上述安排,使大學能於新學年恢復正常校園活動。期待我們攜手應對 今次疫情的挑戰,共同履行公民責任。

常務及學務副校長黃永德 行政副校長盧麗華

2021年6月8日

(The Chinese version of the FAQs will be displayed after the English version. 中文版的「常見問題」載於英文版之後。)

FAQs

Q1 to Q5 are prepared by making references to the information posted on <u>https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/vaccine</u>. You are encouraged to refer to this website from time to time for obtaining more or updated information of COVID-19 vaccines.

1. What are the COVID-19 vaccine options and their comparison?

The following comparison table of two available COVID-19 vaccines in Hong Kong is prepared referencing to "Vaccination Fact Sheet for CoronaVac" by https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/COVID19VaccinationFactSheet_CoronaVac_ENG.pdf "Vaccination and Fact Sheet for Comirnaty" https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/COVID19VaccinationFactSheet_Comirnaty_ENG.pdf.

	Sinovac (科興)	Fosun Pharma / BioNTech (復星醫藥 / 德國藥廠 BioNTech)
Name	CoronaVac (克爾來福)	Comirnaty (復必泰)
Manufacturer	Sinovac Biotech (Hong Kong) Limited	Fosun Pharma in collaboration with the German drug manufacturer BioNTech
Type of Vaccine	COVID-19 Vaccine (Vero Cell), Inactivated	COVID-19 mRNA vaccine
How vaccine is given	Two doses vaccine (28 days apart)	Two doses vaccine (21 days apart)
Age Limit	Aged 18 or above	Aged 12 or above
Possible side effects		
Very common	 Injection site: pain Headache Fatigue 	 Injection site: pain, swelling Tiredness Headache Muscle pain Chills Joint pain Diarrhoea Fever
Common	 Injection site swelling, pruritus, erythema, induration Myalgia Nausea Diarrhoea Arthralgia Cough Chills Pruritus 	 Injection site redness Nausea Vomiting

Uncommon	 Loss of appetite Rhinorrhoea Sore throat Nasal congestion Abdominal pain Burn at injection site Vomit Hypersensitivity Abnormal skin and mucosa Fever Tremor Flushing Edema Dizziness Drowsiness Muscle spasms 	 Enlarged lymph nodes Feeling unwell Arm pain Insomnia Injection site itching Allergic reactions (e.g. rash, itching) Some of these side effects were slightly more frequent in adolescents 12 to 15 years old than in adults Temporary one sided facial
	 Muscle spasms Eyelid edema Nosebleeds Abdominal distension Constipation Hyposmia Ocular congestion Hot flashes Hiccup Conjunctival congestion No serious adverse event related to 	 drooping Allergic reactions (e.g. hives, swelling of the face)
Serious	No serious adverse event related to vaccination was identified up to 3 February 2021	
Not known		Severe allergic reaction

2. Can I have COVID-19 vaccination?

Please refer to the table below.

	CoronaVac (克爾來福)	Comirnaty (復必泰)
Should NOT be given	 History of allergic reaction to any component of CoronaVac vaccine or similar vaccines Previous severe allergic reactions to vaccine (e.g. acute anaphylaxis, angioedema, dyspnoea etc.) Severe neurological conditions (e.g. transverse myelitis, Guillain-Barre syndrome, demyelinating disease, etc.) 	 History of allergic reaction to the active substance or any of the other ingredients of the Comirnaty vaccine

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	 Any adverse reaction of nervous system after CoronaVac vaccination Uncontrolled severe chronic 	
	diseases	
Duccoutions	Pregnant or lactating women	
Precautions –	• Acute diseases	• History of a severe reaction or
Please consult your	• Acute exacerbation of chronic	breathing problems after any
doctor first	diseases	other vaccine injection or after
	• Severe chronic diseases	being given Comirnaty
	• Atopy	• Have ever fainted following any
	• Fever	needle injection
	• Diabetes or its family history	• Acute febrile diseases
	• History of convulsions,	• Severe illness or infection with
	epilepsy, encephalopathy or	high fever
	mental illness; or family history of these diseases	• Bleeding problem or bruise easily
	Thrombocytopenia	• Using a medicine to prevent
	Haemorrhagic disease	blood clots
	Impaired immune function	• A weakened immune system,
	(such as malignant tumour,	because of a disease such as
	nephrotic syndrome, AIDS)	HIV infection or a medicine
	• Use of human immunoglobulin	such as corticosteroid that
	injection	affects the immune system
	 Concomitant use with 	• If using, have recently used or
	immunosuppressive drugs or	might use any other medicines
	other vaccines	or have recently received any
	• Use of other drugs or	other vaccine
	undergoing treatment	• Pregnant or lactating women*
	• Persons aged below 18 years	

* On 22 April 2021, the Scientific Committees under CHP updated the Consensus Interim Recommendations on the use of COVID-19 Vaccines. Given there are no known risks associated with administering mRNA COVID-19 vaccines to lactating women, they are recommended to receive the BioNTech/Comirnaty vaccines (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) as for the rest of the population. Pregnant women who consider BioNTech/Comirnaty vaccines should consult their obstetricians on the risks and benefits of vaccination.

Please refer to <u>https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/concise_guide_sinovac_eng.pdf</u> and <u>https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/concise_guide_biontech_eng.pdf</u> for further details and updates.

3. For individual with chronic disease(s), can I have COVID-19 vaccination?

You are suitable for vaccination when your medical condition(s) is/are stable.

If you wish to have more information on the suitability for COVID-19 vaccination or chronic disease examples, please refer to the concise guides on "<u>Can I have COVID-19 Vaccinations</u>? <u>3 Important Considerations</u>" and "<u>Can I have COVID-19 Vaccination</u>? <u>Examples of Chronic Diseases</u>" for further details.

4. If my medical condition(s) is/are recovered, what is the best timing for vaccination?

You are suitable for vaccination when your medical condition(s) is/are recovered, in remission, or disease is already under control.

If you wish to have more information on the suitability for COVID-19 vaccination or chronic disease examples, please refer to the concise guides on "<u>Can I have COVID-19 Vaccinations</u>? <u>3 Important Considerations</u>" and "<u>Can I have COVID-19 Vaccination? Examples of Chronic Diseases</u>" for further details.

5. If I have any allergic history, can I have COVID-19 vaccination?

Please consult your own doctor first, if you have any one of the following conditions:

- a) Suspected allergic reaction to prior COVID-19 vaccination
- b) History of anaphylaxis
- c) Severe immediate (within 1 hour) allergic reaction to multiple food or more than one class of drugs

6. Where can I get the COVID-19 vaccination?

For interested full-time students or staff members, he/she may get the COVID-19 vaccination from one of the following means:

- a) The University Health Service (UHS) is coordinating with the government to arrange an outreach vaccination service of Comirnaty (復必泰) on PolyU Main Campus on 7 & 8 July 2021 (1st dose) and 28 & 29 July 2021 (2nd dose). Further details will be announced shortly.
- b) UHS has provided Sinovac (科興)'s CoronaVac (克爾來福) vaccination since early March 2021. Booking can be made by calling UHS at 2766 5433. CoronaVac vaccination campaign will also be organized on campus in due course. Further details will be announced shortly.
- c) The Government has set up Community Vaccination Centres in various districts for providing CoronaVac or Comirnaty vaccines. You may make booking via <u>COVID-19</u> <u>Vaccination Programme – Booking System</u>.

7. If I have already received and completed my COVID-19 vaccination outside Hong Kong, will this be acceptable to the University?

Yes, it is acceptable if you have completed a full course of COVID-19 vaccination, which is approved by your country's government health authority.

Please declare and upload your vaccination certificate to the self-reporting online platform. The details of the said platform will be announced later.

8. If I need to do COVID-19 testing at Community Testing Centres, where can I go and find the information?

Please visit https://www.communitytest.gov.hk/en/.

You can also go to the testing institutions recognized by the Government. Please check: https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List_of_recognised_laboratories_RTPCR.pdf

9. If I wish to seek further medical advice relating to COVID-19 vaccination, what should I do?

If you wish to seek further medical advice in relation to COVID-19 vaccination, you may have a medical consultation at UHS by arranging a booking by phone at 2766 5433 or via <u>Web</u> <u>Appointment System</u>. You are also encouraged to speak to your own doctor before you get vaccinated.

10. How can I arrange free testing on the ground of medical reasons?

Those with a letter from a registered medical practitioner (from UHS or outside) certifying that they are medically not suitable for COVID-19 vaccination or a letter from UHS certifying that you have genuine medical concern over vaccination, can make online applications for free testing. Once approved, they will be advised of the procedure to undergo free weekly testing on campus. The online application will commence in early August. Details will be announced.

11. If I just feel anxious about taking the vaccination, will I have to pay for weekly testing?

You are advised to have more understanding of the related issues. In addition to the above information about the vaccines and side effects, UHS is organising a health talk to be hosted by an infectious disease specialist.

If you are an eligible user of UHS and have concern about vaccination, you can consult UHS to assess your health conditions. If your case is a genuine case of medical concern, UHS will issue a letter of certification for you to make online application for free weekly testing. Otherwise, you have to undergo the weekly testing at community testing centres or clinics at your own expense and submit your test results to the University via eForm.

12. The medical certification of not being suitable for COVID-19 vaccination may have an expiry date. Can I still use the in-house free testing after the expiry date?

No. You should consult a registered medical practitioner well before the expiry date if you would like to continue to use the free in-house testing. If you have obtained another medical certification letter with a new expiry date, you should go through the same steps you have taken before, i.e. self-reporting your vaccination status and making an online application for free testing. When your application is approved by UHS, you can start using the free testing again.

13. I am a PolyU part-time student. Can I use UHS's consultation and vaccination service?

Part-time students, just like part-time staff and temporary full-time staff with less than three months' contract, are not eligible users of UHS. So they cannot use UHS's consultation and vaccination service.

14. Can I work from home (WFH) if I do not want to take the vaccination or weekly testing?

This is not a viable option. COVID-19 has been affecting the University's operations for a long time, and the University strongly encourages vaccination or weekly testing with a view to resuming normal classes and operations on campus in a safe manner.

15. How do I apply for Vaccination Leave? What do I need to provide to my HoU?

You may apply for Vaccination Leave via any written communication with the HoU, e.g. by email. You only need to report your vaccination status, e.g. when you have taken / are going to receive the vaccination, and specify the date(s) on which you would like to take Vaccination Leave.

16. If I have already applied for Annual Leave to receive the vaccination, can I cancel it and changed to use Vaccination Leave?

Yes, you can cancel your upcoming Annual Leave and then apply for Vaccination Leave.

17. Can I receive the vaccination during office hours?

Yes, you can, if you are receiving the vaccination in the PolyU campus. Please however consult your supervisor / HoU beforehand such that your temporary absence from work would not affect the operations. If you would like to receive the vaccination outside campus, you may take Vaccination Leave to do so.

18. If I choose to undergo testing off campus and at my own expense, can I do it during office hours?

No. You will have to do it outside office hours, on leave days or on holiday.

19. If I feel unwell after receiving the vaccination, can I take Sick Leave and reserve Vaccination Leave to be taken on another day?

The main purpose of granting Vaccination Leave is to facilitate staff to receive the vaccination outside campus or to recuperate after the vaccination. For those who are going to receive the vaccination, Vaccination Leave is to be taken in two consecutive half days or for a whole day either on the day of receiving the vaccination or on the next working day. For those who continue to feel unwell after Vaccination Leave, sick leave can be granted on medical grounds in accordance with the prevailing policy.

20. If I suffer from adverse reaction after receiving the vaccination, can I receive medical treatment via the Staff Medical Benefit Scheme? Will I get further compensated?

If you feel unwell, you can seek and receive medical treatment via the Staff Medical Benefit Scheme. Besides, if your sickness is related to the vaccination, you may apply for financial support from the government's Indemnity Fund for Adverse Events Following Immunization with Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) Vaccines (AEFI Fund) (cf. https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/AEFI Fund).

常見問題

問題一至五的答案參照了特區政府專頁資訊(<u>https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/zh-HK/vaccine</u>)。 請瀏覽該網頁獲取最新的新冠疫苗資訊。

1. 目前新冠疫苗有甚麼選擇?它們有甚麼異同?

以下是参照特區政府對兩款本港可接種疫苗的《接種須知》所作的比較: CoronaVac「克爾來福」接種須知 <u>https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/COVID19VaccinationFactSheet_CoronaVac_CHI.pdf</u> Comirnaty「復必泰」接種須知 https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/pdf/COVID19VaccinationFactSheet_Comirnaty_CHI.pdf

	Sinovac (科興)	Fosun Pharma / BioNTech (復星醫藥 / 德國藥廠 BioNTech)
疫苗名稱	CoronaVac (克爾來福)	Comirnaty (復必泰)
生產商	科興控股(香港)有限公司	復星醫藥與德國藥廠 BioNTech
疫苗技術	滅活病毒	信使核糖核酸
如何給予疫苗	兩劑次,間隔28天	兩次注射,最少相隔21天
適合接種年齡	18 歲及以上人群	12 歲及以上人群
可能出現的副作用		
十分常見	 接種部位:疼痛 頭痛 疲乏 	 注射部位:疼痛、腫脹 疲倦 頭痛 肌肉痛 寒顫 關節痛 腹瀉 發燒 12 至 15 歲之青少年出現上述部 份副作用的機會可能會較成年人 略多。
常見	 接種部位:腫脹、痕癢、紅斑、硬結 肌肉痛 噁心 腹瀉 關節痛 咳嗽 發冷 痕癢 食慾減退 	 注射部位發紅 噁心 嘔吐

	 流鼻水 	
	● 喉嚨痛 	
	● <u>鼻塞</u>	
	 ● 腹痛 	
不常見	• 注射部位發熱	● 淋巴結腫大
	● 嘔吐	● 感覺不適
	● 過敏反應	● 手臂疼痛
	• 皮膚、黏膜異常	• 失眠
	 ● 發熱 	• 注射部位發癢
	 ● 震顫 	 過敏反應(如皮疹或瘙癢)
	 朝紅 	
	 ▲ 水腫 	
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	● 便秘	
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	 · 潮熱 	
	 ● 打嗝 	
	 ● 結膜充血 	
嚴重	截至2021年2月3日,尚未發現	
	經研究者判斷與接種本疫苗有關	
	的嚴重異常事件	
未知		• 嚴重過敏反應

2. 我可否接種新冠疫苗?

請參考下表:

	CoronaVac (克爾來福)	Comirnaty (復必泰)
不應接種	 對「克爾來福」或疫苗中的 任何成分;或對同類疫苗有 過敏史 過往曾對疫苗發生嚴重過敏 反應(如急性過敏反應、血 管神經性水腫、呼吸困難 等) 	 曾對「復必泰」或其活性物 質或其他成分有過敏反應

 患有嚴重神經系統疾病,(如 橫貫性脊髓炎、吉-巴氏綜合 症、脫髓鞘疾病等) 接種「克爾來福」後曾出現 治徑系位用常后來。
 神經系統異常反應 未受控制的嚴重慢性病 懷孕期或哺乳期婦女 接種前,請先諮詢 急性疾病 慢性疾病的急性發作期 嚴重慢性疾病 過敏體質 發燒 糖尿病患者或有家族史 驚厥、腦癇(前稱「癲癲癇」)、腦病或精神疾病史;或有這些病症的家族史 血小板減少症 出血性疾病 免疫功能受損害(例如惡性腫瘤、腎病綜合症、愛滋病) 注射免疫球蛋白 與具有免疫抑制作用的藥物或其他疫苗同時使用 正在接受治療或使用藥物 18 歲以下的人士 會在接種「復必泰」或任何其他藥 算知或哺乳期女性*

*衛生防護中心轄下科學委員會於 2021 年 4 月 22 日就使用 2019 冠狀病毒病疫苗共同發表暫擬共識建議,鑑 於沒有已知的與授乳婦女接種信使核糖核酸疫苗的相關風險,故建議她們可以如其他市民般接種復必泰疫苗 (信使核糖核酸疫苗)。考慮接種復必泰疫苗的孕婦,應諮詢她們的產科醫生以了解有關接種疫苗的風險與好 處。

請瀏覽 <u>https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/concise guide sinovac chi.pdf</u>及 <u>https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/concise guide biontech chi.pdf</u>以獲取詳情及最新資 訊。

3. 患有慢性疾病的人士可以接種新冠疫苗嗎?

一般而言,如果疾病狀況穩定,可以接種。

如欲了解更多是否適合接種新冠疫苗或慢性疾病例子的資訊,請參閱衛生防護中心簡介:《<u>我可以接種新冠疫苗嗎?三大考慮要點</u>》及《<u>我可以接種新冠疫苗嗎?慢性疾病例子</u>》。

4. 如我已康復,甚麼時間才適合接種疫苗?

一般而言,如你已康復、病情得到緩解或病情受控,便可以接種。

如欲了解更多是否適合接種新冠疫苗或慢性疾病例子的資訊,請參閱衛生防護中心簡介:《<u>我可以接種新冠疫苗嗎?三大考慮要點</u>》及《<u>我可以接種新冠疫苗嗎?慢性疾</u>病例子》。

5. 如我有過敏史,可以接種新冠疫苗嗎?

如你有以下任何情況,請先諮詢你的醫生:

- a) 以往在接種任何新冠疫苗後曾出現懷疑過敏反應
- b) 曾有過敏性休克
- c) 對多種食物或多於一類藥物即時(一小時內)嚴重過敏

6. 我可在哪裡接種新冠疫苗?

有興趣的全日制學生和員工可透過以下途徑接種新冠疫苗:

- a) 大學醫療保健處已和政府商討,安排在校園進行復必泰疫苗接種,2021年7月7
 日至8日將在校園提供第一劑「復必泰」接種服務,並於2021年7月28日至29
 日提供第二劑接種服務。詳情快將公布。
- b) 大學醫療保健處自 2021 年 3 月初提供「克爾來福」(科興)疫苗接種。請致電 2766 5433 預約。此外,大學醫療保健處亦將安排在校園進行較大規模的科興疫苗 接種,詳情快將公布。
- c) 政府在各區設有社區疫苗接種中心,提供「克爾來福」(科興)和「復必泰」疫苗。你可在 2019 冠狀病毒病疫苗接種計劃預約系統預約。

7. 大學是否容許我在香港境外完成新冠疫苗接種?

可以,只要你完成接種獲當地衛生當局批准的新冠疫苗即可。

請於稍後公布詳情的資訊科技處網上報告系統呈報及上載你的接種證明。

8. 如需到社區檢測中心接受新冠病毒測試,可在哪裡獲取資訊?

你可到社區檢測中心網站 https://www.communitytest.gov.hk/zh-HK/; 或選擇到其他政府認 可 檢 詳 閱 的 醫 療 測 機 櫹 (情 請 參 https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List of recognised laboratories RTPCR.pdf)

9. 如何就接種新冠疫苗獲取進一步醫學意見?

你可徵詢大學醫療保健處的醫生意見(預約請電 2766 5433 或網上登記)。我們亦鼓勵 你在接種前先諮詢你的醫生。

10. 我有醫療方面的原因而不能接種疫苗,如何可獲得免費檢測呢?

如學生或員工獲大學醫療保健處或校外註冊醫生簽發不適合接種疫苗的證明,或經大 學醫療保健處確認其接種疫苗有醫療方面的顧慮而给予證明,均可在網上向大學醫療 保健處申請免費使用校內檢測設施。成功申請者,須遵循獲告知的病毒檢測程序進行 每週檢測。網上申請系統將於八月初開通,詳情容後公布。

11. 如我對接種疫苗有疑慮,我是否要自費進行每週檢測?

我們建議你多了解相關事宜。除以上有關疫苗和副作用的資訊,大學醫療保健處亦將 安排由傳染病專家主持的網上健康教育講座。

若你是大學醫療保健處的合資格用家,對接種新冠疫苗有顧慮,可到訪大學醫療保健處評估健康狀況。若確有醫療方面的顧慮,大學醫療保健處將出具證明。否則你需要自費到社區檢測中心或診所接受每週檢測,並將檢測結果以電子表格提交予大學。

12. 若醫生簽發的不適合接種疫苗證明有限期,我可否在有效期屆滿後繼續免費使用校內 檢測設施?

不可以。如你希望繼續免費使用校內檢測設施,須在有效期屆滿前諮詢醫生意見。假 如你獲註冊醫生簽發新限期的證明,你須要重覆已做過的步驟,即自行呈報疫苗接種 狀況及申請免費使用校內檢測設施。經大學醫療保健處批准後,你就可以再次免費使 用校內檢測設施了。

13. 我是理大兼讀學生,可以使用大學醫療保健處的諮詢和疫苗接種服務嗎?

兼讀學生和兼職員工及合約不夠三個月長的臨時全職員工一樣,都不是大學醫療保健處的合資格用家,所以不能使用大學醫療保健處的諮詢和疫苗接種服務。

14. 若我既不接種疫苗亦不進行每週檢測,可否選擇居家工作?

這並不可行。新冠疫情已長時期影響大學運作。校方大力提倡接種疫苗或接受每週檢測,目的是在安全的環境下恢復校園的正常教學和運作。

15. 如何申請「疫苗假期」?須呈報部門主管哪些資料?

你可以書面(例如電郵)向部門主管申請「疫苗假期」。你只需呈報你的接種情況 (例如何時已/準備接種),以及列明請假的日期。

16. 若我已申請年假接種疫苗,可否銷假改放「疫苗假期」?

可以。你可以銷假然後申請「疫苗假期」。

17. 我可否在辦公時間接種疫苗?

可以,如果你在校內接種疫苗的話。不過,請事先與上司或部門主管商量,避免影響部門運作。否則你可申請「疫苗假期」在校外接種疫苗。

18. 若我選擇自費在校外檢測,可否於辦公時間內進行?

不可以。你須要在非辦公時間、休假或公眾假期接受檢測。

19. 如接種疫苗後不適,可否請病假並保留「疫苗假期」日後用?

「疫苗假期」旨在方便員工到校外接種疫苗或於接種後休息。他們應在接種疫苗的當 天或緊接著的工作天,以全天或連續兩個半天休假。若「疫苗假期」後仍感不適,可 按現行規定請病假。

20. 若接種疫苗後有異常反應,我可否循僱員醫療保障計劃獲得治療?我會否得到進一步 賠償?

如感不適,你可循僱員醫療保障計劃尋求並接受治療。此外,若病情與接種疫苗有關,你可向政府的「接種 2019 冠狀病毒病疫苗後出現的異常事件保障基金」申請財政援助。 詳情請參閱 <u>https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/zh-HK/AEFI Fund</u>。



