

Dear Key Appointment Holders and EA Personnel,

1. The Government announced guidelines related to (A) the recognition of Sinovac-CoronaVac as a 3-dose primary series regime and (B) reduction of the exemption period for recovered persons to enter VDS settings. These guidelines apply to migrant domestic workers (MDWs) who fall under the respective scenarios.

(A) Recognition of Sinovac-CoronaVac as a 3-dose primary series regime

2. Due to the lower efficacy of the Sinovac-CoronaVac vaccine, MDWs 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](#).

3. MDWs who are medically ineligible to receive mRNA vaccines should receive 3 doses of Sinovac-CoronaVac in total to complete their 3-dose primary series regime, via booking an appointment at any of the [clinics administering Sinovac-CoronaVac](#).

4. MDWs who have taken 2 doses of the Sinovac-CoronaVac will be regarded as fully vaccinated for **4 months after the 2nd dose, or until 31 December 2021, whichever is later**. Beyond this time interval, the MDW's vaccination status will revert to 'additional dose needed' and will be subject to the current VDS.

5. The vaccination guidelines are shown below. For more information, please refer to MOH's [Press Release](#).

a) Individual received 1 dose of Sinovac-CoronaVac:

- Regarded as partially vaccinated.
- Recommended to take 2 additional doses of mRNA vaccines 1 month apart; or if medically ineligible, take 2 additional doses of Sinovac-CoronaVac (2nd dose should be taken 1 month after 1st dose, and 3rd dose should be taken 3 months after 2nd dose).

b) Individual received 2 doses of Sinovac-CoronaVac:

- Regarded as fully vaccinated for 4 months after the 2nd dose, or until 31 December 2021, whichever is later.
- Recommended to take 1 additional dose of mRNA vaccine 3 months after the 2nd dose; or if medically ineligible, take 1 additional dose of Sinovac-CoronaVac 3 months after the 2nd dose.

6. There has been similar evidence that antibody levels from the Sinopharm BIBP vaccine also decline after two doses, and a 3rd dose increases this substantially. Therefore, the above guidelines will also apply to MDWs who have received the Sinopharm vaccine.

7. MDWs arriving after 31 December 2021 will still be considered fully vaccinated for purposes of entry into Singapore if they have received 2 doses of Sinovac-CoronaVac/Sinopharm vaccines at least 2 weeks before arrival. They can obtain a temporary vaccinated status for 30 days if they produce their overseas vaccination certificates to the ICA officer at immigration clearance.

- If 2nd dose was taken more than 4 months ago, the MDW needs to ingest the overseas vaccination record and obtain the 3rd dose of vaccine in Singapore within the 30 days to maintain the fully vaccinated status.
- If 2nd dose was taken less than 4 months ago, the MDW needs to ingest the overseas vaccination record and obtain the 3rd dose of vaccine in Singapore 3 months from the 2nd dose or lose the fully vaccinated status 4 months after the 2nd dose. For example, a MDW who took her 2nd dose on 15 December and arrived in Singapore on 1 January 2022 will have up to 15 April 2022 (4 months from 2nd dose) to take the 3rd dose in Singapore.

(B) Exemption period for COVID-19 recovered MDWs to be eligible for VDS

8. COVID-19 recovered MDWs who are not fully vaccinated as of **1 January 2022** will only be given a [180-day exemption after infection](#)(1) to enter VDS settings.

9. For non-fully vaccinated recovered MDWs who would have passed the 180-day period as of 1 January 2022, they will be granted an additional 1-month grace period till **31 January 2022** to complete their primary series vaccination regime. They should complete their regime latest by 17 January 2022 to allow an interval of 14 days from the completion of the regime to be considered fully vaccinated and to continue entering VDS settings.

10. The vaccination guidelines are shown below. For more information, please refer to MOH's [FAQ](#).

(A) Individual unvaccinated prior to COVID-19 infection:

- Eligible for VDS activities for 180 days from date of diagnosis; after 180 days, will be regarded as unvaccinated and ineligible for VDS activities.
- Recommended to take 1 dose of mRNA vaccine 90 days after date of diagnosis; or if medically ineligible, take 2 doses of Sinovac-CoronaVac, 28 days apart. Dose 1 of Sinovac-CoronaVac should be taken 90 days after date of diagnosis.

(B) Individual received 1 dose of Sinovac-CoronaVac or mRNA vaccine prior to COVID-19 infection:

- Eligible for VDS activities for 180 days from date of diagnosis; after 180 days, will be regarded as partially vaccinated and ineligible for VDS activities.
- Recommended to take 1 dose of mRNA vaccine 90 days after date of diagnosis; or if medically ineligible, take 2 doses of Sinovac-CoronaVac, 28 days apart. Dose 1 of Sinovac-CoronaVac should be taken 90 days after date of diagnosis.

(C) Individual received 2 doses of Sinovac-CoronaVac vaccine prior to COVID-19 infection:

- Eligible for VDS activities for 180 days from date of diagnosis; after 180 days, will be regarded as partially vaccinated and ineligible for VDS activities.
- Recommended to take 1 additional dose of mRNA vaccine 90 days after date of diagnosis; or if medically ineligible, take 1 additional dose of Sinovac-CoronaVac 90 days after date of diagnosis.

11. Please take note of the guidelines to advise the MDW and employer. Thank you for supporting us in our fight against COVID-19.

Yours sincerely

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(1) This exemption does not apply to entry into VDS+Test events or activities i.e. individuals will still have to do Antigen Rapid Test (ART) prior to these events.