

CHI YUN SCHOOL
2021-2022
Arrangements for the resumption of face-to-face classes
after Easter holiday

14th April, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In view of the stabilization of the fifth wave of the epidemic, the Secretary for the Education Bureau announced on 11th April that all schools in Hong Kong will resume classes after the Easter holiday as originally planned, and will resume half-day face-to-face classes in stages, in accordance with the latest trend of the epidemic. Our school will resume half-day face-to-face classes in stages on 19th April, after the Easter holiday. The arrangements are as follows:

1. Resumption of face-to-face classes

Primary School	Date resuming face-to-face classes	Secondary School	Date resuming face-to-face classes
SP1, SP2	19 th April	JS1, JS2,	3 rd May
JP1, JP2	3 rd May	SS1, SS2, SS3	10 th May

- Face-to-face classes will be held in the morning, no more than half a day. Class time: 09:10am – 12:15 pm (Day students dismiss at 13:15 pm);
- Those that have not resumed face-to-face classes will be conducted through e-learning.
- The exact date of class resumption is subject to the latest announcement by the Education Bureau.

2. Regular rapid antigen tests (RATs)

- All staff and students of the school are required to conduct COVID-19 rapid antigen tests (RATs) daily and only those who have obtained a negative result will be allowed to enter the school¹, the test should be carried out every morning.

- Students who take the school bus should take a RAT at home before class every morning, write the date and the student's abbreviation on the RAT stick, and send the photo of the negative result to the bus driver (white school bus with registration number RG2648, mobile phone number 93031702 / yellow school bus with registration number KZ2589, mobile phone number 92694758).
- For day students who are picked up by parents are required to take RAT at home every morning, write the date and the student's abbreviation on the RAT stick, and submit the photo of negative result to the guard when they return to school.
- If the test result is positive, they are not allowed to enter the school, they should notify the school as soon as possible and stay at home, they should also register their results on the "Declaration System for individuals tested positive for COVID-19 using Rapid Antigen Test" of the Department of Health (<https://www.chp.gov.hk/ratp/>) within 24 hours. The Education Bureau will provide RAT kits for students with financial need.

3. Taking care of other needs of students

At present, some schools (especially special schools) with hostel continue to operate during the holidays to cater for students' accommodation needs; and schools must remain open even if face-to-face classes have not been conducted after the holidays. In order to further protect the health and safety of staff and students (especially the boarders), the following groups of students must be vaccinated. The requirements are as follows:

- Secondary school: Students who need to return to school outside of face-to-face classes must complete two doses of COVID-19 vaccine for more than 14 days;
- Primary school: Students who need to go back to school to be taken care of must complete at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. They must have completed one dose of vaccine on/before May 15 and more than 14 days have passed, they should also receive the second dose of vaccine on time ².
- Hostel: Boarders in the hostel of schools (including special schools) under the jurisdiction of the Education Bureau must complete one dose of the vaccine on/before May 15 and more than 14 days have passed, they should also receive the second dose of the vaccine on time ³.

If there is a doctor's certificate showing that the boarder is not suitable for vaccination or due to the recent diagnosis of COVID-19, the above restriction will not apply.

4. Flexible schedule for students who have completed vaccinations

Since students who have completed their vaccinations will be better protected, they can participate in non-academic activities outside the classroom according to the guidelines announced by the Education Bureau. Students who have completed two doses of the vaccine for more than 14 days, can participate in non-academic extracurricular activities (such as music, sports and reading) arranged by the school for another half day of school.

5. Handling of confirmed or close contacts cases on campus

- Under the new arrangement, the CHP will review the report from the school, if 5% or more of the total school staff and students are found to be confirmed cases of COVID-19 on the same school day (including results of RATs and other accredited tests) (only new cases on the day will be counted); or 10% or more of the students in a particular class are found to be confirmed cases, the CHP will initiate an epidemiological investigation and will consider appropriate follow-up measures, including suspend classes whenever it is necessary, conduct thorough disinfection and improve ventilation arrangements. If there are sporadic cases in school, unless instructed by the Centre for Health Protection, school can continue classes with adequate precautionary measures.
- Generally speaking, school do not need to suspend classes for close contact cases. The definition of close contacts is mainly the living members of the confirmed person. Under the circumstance of taking adequate hygiene protection measures, the staff and students who have been in contact with the confirmed person on campus are generally not regarded as close contacts.

6. The implementation of “Vaccine Pass”

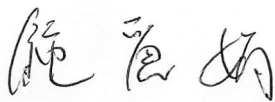
- The implementation of “Vaccine Pass” at schools had been started from 24th February 2022, and is applicable to teaching and non-teaching staff, persons providing on-campus services and visitors.

The Government announced the amendments on 20th March 2022, regarding the vaccination requirements for the "Vaccine Pass" (including the third dose of vaccine). Schools should make corresponding arrangements in accordance with the relevant requirements. Please refer to Annex 1 for details.

7. Hygiene and Epidemic Prevention Measures

- The school will continue to strictly implement the various epidemic prevention measures set out in the "Health Protection Measures for Schools" issued by the Education Bureau and the "Health Advice to Schools for the Prevention of Coronavirus disease" issued by the Centre for Health Protection, including that all persons wearing masks at all times, maintain proper social distancing, take body temperature for all staff and students before entering the school, in order to protect the health of staff and students. In addition, the school has been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before the resumption of classes, and will keep the campus environment clean and hygienic at all times to prepare for the resumption of face-to-face classes.

For further enquiries, please contact the class teacher or hostel instructor at 2386 2010.



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Note 1: For those who have recovered from COVID-19, they are not required to undergo testing within 3 months from the date of recovery (except those with symptoms)

Note 2: Students who have received the first dose of the vaccine must receive the second dose within 3 months.

Note 3: Students who have received the first dose of the vaccine must receive the second dose within 3 months.

Annex I : The requirement of “Vaccine Pass”

(A) For teachers and staff directly employed by schools

Implementation Date	Requirement
On/before 24 February 2022	1 st dose of vaccine
On/before 21 April 2022	2 nd dose of vaccine
On/after 31 May 2022	a. 2 nd dose if within 5 months from 1 st dose b. 3 rd dose if after 5 months from 1 st dose

(B) The arrangements for “Vaccine Pass” for teaching and non-teaching staff directly employed by the school are different from other people entering the campus. All others entering the campus should follow the latest government arrangements for other premises. For details, please refer to the website:

<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/vaccine-pass.html> (Dated 20 March)



Table 1: Dosage Schedule for Vaccine Pass

[Note 1]

Implementation Date/ Category of Persons	From 20 March to 29 April 2022	From 30 April to 30 May 2022	From 31 May 2022 onwards
(A) Persons aged 18 or above <small>(Note 2)</small>	1 st dose	2 nd dose	(i) 2 nd dose, if within 6 months from 2 nd dose (ii) 3 rd dose, if after 6 months from 2 nd dose
(B) Persons aged 12 to 17 <small>(Note 3)</small>	1 st dose	(i) 1 st dose, if within 6 months from 1 st dose (ii) 2 nd dose, if after 6 months from 1 st dose	(i) 2 nd dose, if within 6 months from 2 nd dose (ii) 3 rd dose, if after 6 months from 2 nd dose
(C1) Recovered persons aged 12 or above <small>(Note 3)</small> within 6 months from recovery <small>(Note 4)</small>	No additional dose required		
(C2) Recovered persons aged 12 or above <small>(Note 3)</small> who had received 2 nd or 3 rd dose before COVID-19 infection <small>(Note 5)</small>	No additional dose required		
(C3) Recovered persons aged 12 or above <small>(Note 3)</small> after 6 months from recovery <small>(Note 4)</small>	(i) Not vaccinated before COVID-19 infection <small>(Note 5)</small>	1 st dose	1 st dose if within 6 months from 1 st dose 2 nd dose if after 6 months from 1 st dose * 2 nd dose not required for a person aged 12-17 who took Comirnaty (BioNTech) as 1 st dose
	(ii) Received 1 st dose before COVID-19 infection <small>(Note 5)</small>	No additional dose required	2 nd dose * 2 nd dose not required for a person aged 12-17 who took Comirnaty (BioNTech) as 1 st dose

Note:

- For those who have only received the CoronaVac (Sinovac) or the Comirnaty (BioNTech) vaccines outside Hong Kong, their eligibility for Vaccine Pass should follow the requirements in the above Annex. In other cases, a person who received a "full course" COVID-19 vaccination outside Hong Kong will be deemed to have fulfilled the requirement for the 2nd dose, provided that the vaccine is on the list of recognised vaccines ("the List") on the Government's COVID-19 Thematic Website (https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/list_of_recognised_covid19_vaccines.pdf), and the person has received the "dose(s) required" stipulated under the List. For any 2nd or 3rd dose received by the person in Hong Kong, eligibility for Vaccine Pass will be determined accordingly. A person who has received the Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biopharmaceutical, Bharat Biotech, the Gamaleya National Center of Epidemiology and Microbiology or Novavax (i.e. Nuvaxovid/Covovax) vaccines will be deemed to have completed the third dose under the Vaccine Pass requirements provided that the "dose(s) required" stipulated under the List has been satisfied.
- For a person who will turn 18, he/she will be given a 3-month window, counting from his/her 18th birthday, during which his/her eligibility will follow the category applicable to persons aged 12 to 17, and thereafter his/her eligibility will follow the category applicable to persons aged 18 or above.
- For a person who will turn 12, he/she will be given a 3-month window, counting from his/her 12th birthday, during which he/she will be exempted from Vaccine Pass requirements, and thereafter his/her eligibility will follow the category applicable to persons aged 12 to 17.
- Recovery is defined as 14 days after the date of the most recent documented positive test.
- The number of doses received before infection count only those doses received at least 14 days before the most recent documented positive test. In other words, a dose received within 14 days before the most recent documented positive test will not be counted as a dose received before infection.