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**Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases
and
Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases**

**Consensus Interim Recommendations on
the Use of COVID-19 vaccines in Hong Kong
(As of 6 May 2021)**

Introduction

The Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases (SCVPD) and the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases (SCEZD) under the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health (DH) (JSC), together with the Chief Executive's expert advisory panel (EAP), reviewed and updated the recommendation on COVID-19 vaccination for persons with previous COVID-19 infection, by circulation, on 6 May 2021. This recommendation supersedes the previous interim recommendation on the use of COVID-19 vaccines for persons with previous COVID-19 infection issued on 18 March 2021.

COVID-19 vaccination for persons with previous COVID-19 infection

2. Previous COVID-19 infection usually confers immunity for at least 6 to 9 months for majority of patients. There is accumulating evidence showing that those previously infected with COVID-19 would be further protected by one dose of mRNA vaccine. After receiving one dose of mRNA vaccine, these persons may experience more systemic side effects (such as fatigue, headache, chills, muscle pain, fever and joint pain)



when compared to those without prior infection. People who wish to receive mRNA vaccine should wait for at least 90 days after discharge from previous infection. In accordance with the technical guideline issued by the National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China on 29 March 2021, people with previous COVID-19 infection can receive one dose of inactivated COVID-19 vaccine 6 months after the infection.

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