

Factsheet on COVID-19 Vaccination for Persons with Prior COVID-19 Infection

(For latest information, please visit the website: <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/106934.html>)

1. I have recovered from COVID-19 infection, do I still need to get vaccinated?

Following the latest COVID-19 vaccination recommendation, recovered person aged 6 months or above would only need to receive one dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (e.g. Comirnaty/BioNTech/Spikevax/Moderna) or two doses of inactivated COVID-19 vaccine (e.g. CoronaVac/Sinovac) to complete the initial vaccination. Immunocompromised person should receive additional initial dose(s), please consult healthcare professional for details.

In addition to receiving initial vaccination, high-risk priority groups (i.e. adults aged 50 years or above; or persons with immunocompromised conditions) should receive additional booster on time after the last dose or COVID-19 infection.

For details, please refer to: “[How many doses of COVID-19 vaccine are recommended for me?](#)” and “[FAQs on Immunocompromised Persons](#)”

2. I have recovered from COVID-19 infection. Do I need to bring any documentary proof of my recovery status? Do I need to make online bookings?

Online booking system is opened for COVID-19 recovered persons. In case prior bookings cannot be made online, you may directly go to the vaccination venues with walk-in vaccination services, please contact the designated clinics directly for enquiry before your visit.

For the details of the vaccination venues, please visit the website: <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/106952.html#where>.

To ensure that the health care professionals understand your situation, persons with prior COVID-19 infection are recommended to bring the relevant documentary proof for assessment before vaccination by the on-site healthcare professionals. In general, supporting documents such as a discharge letter, SMS/electronic/paper record of positive nucleic acid test result issued by the Government or private laboratories recognised under the Laboratory Recognition Scheme of the Department of Health (DH), previous isolation orders / records of persons tested positive for COVID-19 issued by DH, and other recovery records issued by the Government or the Hospital

Authority, etc., indicating the client's prior COVID-19 infection (in English/Chinese, with the client's identity particulars matched) would be acceptable. Those infected abroad could provide a positive nucleic acid test result issued by a local institution, or other official letter or email notification as proof.

To increase the antibody level, persons who are unsure if they had a previous COVID-19 infection or persons who do not have their recovery record in the DH's system are recommended to follow the relevant vaccination requirements applicable to uninfected persons. In other words, relevant persons are recommended to receive the vaccine dosage applicable to uninfected persons in time in accordance with their age groups.

3. I am not sure if I had a previous COVID-19 infection, should I receive the vaccine?

COVID-19 vaccination should be offered to persons who are unsure if they had previous COVID-19 infection as if they have not been infected. COVID-19 vaccine is safe in people with evidence of previous SARS-CoV-2 infection. Prior COVID-19 screening before administration of COVID-19 vaccine is neither needed nor recommended.

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Discharge/Recovery Date:

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