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and
Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases**

**Updated Consensus Interim Recommendations on the
Quarantine requirements for Vaccinated Inbound Travellers
(As of 16 August 2021)**

The Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases (SCEZD) and the Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases (SCVPD) under the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health, joined by the Chief Executive's expert advisory panel (EAP), has reviewed the criteria concerning the shortening of quarantine period for fully vaccinated inbound travellers and made recommendations based on the prevailing scientific understanding on COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccines. The revised recommendations supersede the previous one issued on 9 June, 2021.

2. The duration of compulsory quarantine for inbound travellers could be shortened from 21 days to 14 days of quarantine at a designated place plus 7 days of self-monitoring with multiple polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing, provided that the following three criteria have been satisfied:

- (a) Documented proof of completion of the full course of recognised COVID-19 vaccines*, and 14 days have passed from the date of completing the full course of vaccination; **and**
- (b) Result of PCR of the respiratory specimen taken on arrival is negative; **and**
- (c) Positive IgG/ total antibody against SARS-CoV-2 spike protein/ surrogate neutralising antibody, conducted in Hong Kong after arrival.



3. The purpose of checking antibody is to show evidence of response to vaccination. If the serology test result is negative, the shortening of quarantine period could not be considered.

4. The serology test should be done in Hong Kong on arrival and is valid for the coming 3 months.

5. For travellers who have recovered from previous COVID-19 infection, they would be required to receive one dose of COVID-19 vaccine in order to be considered as fully vaccinated.

6. The public is not encouraged to check their antibody level after vaccination. A negative or low antibody level may not correlate with lack of protection.

* The following list of recognised COVID-19 vaccines would be accepted:

- (i) COVID-19 vaccines already recognised for use in Hong Kong;
- (ii) Vaccines on the World Health Organization (WHO) Emergency Use Listing or Pre-qualification lists;
- (iii) Vaccines recognised for use by Stringent Regulatory Authorities as designated by WHO or the National Medical Products Administration;
- (iv) Vaccines recommended by the joint Scientific Committees and the Chief Executive's expert advisory panel (Sputnik V).

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