

Update on Vaccine Pass requirements for campus access

Dear Students and Colleagues,

In response to the Government's announcement on 20 March 2022 ([LINK](#)) regarding the adjustments of vaccination requirements of Vaccine Pass, the University has reviewed and updated its prevailing campus health and safety access control as follows:

Existing requirements that shall continue in full force until the date specified below

1. From now till 4 May 2022 (Stage 1)

- a) Persons who are fully vaccinated (i.e. have completed the vaccination course for 14 days) ^[Note 1]; OR
- b) Persons who have received at least ONE dose of a vaccine against COVID-19, and submitted a negative result of a COVID-19 test ^[Note 2] done no more than 7 days before the day of entry to campus; OR
- c) Persons who have obtained approval from the University for exemption from vaccination due to medical reasons ^[Note 3] and submitted a negative result of a COVID-19 test ^[Note 2] done no more than 4 days before the day of entry to campus; OR
- d) Recovered persons ^[Note 4] who have fulfilled the vaccination requirements in accordance with **Annex 1**

are allowed onto the campuses upon fulfilment of all the specified conditions as stipulated in the health declaration.

2. From 5 May to 5 June 2022 (Stage 2)

- a) Persons who are fully vaccinated (i.e. have completed the vaccination course for 14 days) ^[Note 1]; OR
- b) Persons who have obtained approval from the University for exemption from vaccination due to medical reasons ^[Note 3] and submitted a negative result of a COVID-19 test ^[Note 2] done no more than 4 days before the day of entry to campus; OR
- c) Recovered persons ^[Note 4] who have fulfilled the vaccination requirements in accordance with **Annex 1**

are allowed onto the campuses upon fulfilment of all the specified conditions as stipulated in the health declaration.

New requirements in place

3. From 6 June 2022 onwards (Stage 3)

- a) Persons who have had a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine ^[Note 5]; OR
- b) Persons who have had a second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine ^[Note 5] within 6 months ^[Note 6]; OR
- c) Persons who have obtained approval from the University for exemption from vaccination due to medical reasons ^[Note 3] and submitted a negative result of a COVID-19 test ^[Note 2] done no more than 4 days before the day of entry to campus; OR
- d) Recovered persons ^[Note 4] who have fulfilled the vaccination requirements in accordance with **Annex 1**

are allowed onto the campuses upon fulfilment of all the specified conditions as stipulated in the health declaration.

The above requirements are summarised in **Annex 1** for easy reference.

For any questions concerning the University's latest health and safety measures, please contact the Sustainability, Health and Safety Section of the Estates Office via 3411 7997 or shs@hkbu.edu.hk.

Stay healthy!

Estates Office

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[Note 1]

The University makes reference to the Government's definition of "fully vaccinated" which can be found at <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel-faq.html#FAQA10>.

At the point when this announcement is issued, the following apply:

- Fully vaccinated means the suggested dosage has been administered in accordance with the relevant guidelines of a COVID-19 vaccination course for 14 days.
- In general, completing the vaccination course involves receiving two doses of CoronaVac (SinoVac) vaccine OR two doses of Comirnaty (BioNTech) vaccine, except for persons previously infected with COVID-19, who are to receive one dose of vaccine.
- For persons aged 12 to 17, they may be deemed to have completed the COVID-19 vaccination course after receiving one dose of Comirnaty (BioNTech) vaccine.
- For individuals whose vaccines were administered outside Hong Kong, apart from the COVID-19 vaccines already recognised for use in Hong Kong, other vaccines included on this list are also accepted. Click here for the "[list of recognised covid19 vaccines.pdf \(coronavirus.gov.hk\)](#)".

[Note 2]

The University makes reference to the Government's accepted testing methods. Please refer to <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html>. For self-administered rapid antigen test, please refer to <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/rat/eng/rat.html>.

[Note 3]

Application for exemption from vaccination can be applied through the Health Declaration page of the HKBU Mobile app. The application should be made at least 10 working days prior to the day of access.

[Note 4]

For a person infected or recovered in Hong Kong, the relevant proof of recovery or infection include the following:

- text message, electronic record or paper certificate of positive Polymerase Chain Reaction test result issued by the Government or a recognised laboratory under the Laboratory Recognition Scheme of the Departments of Health;
- text message or electronic record of a completed declaration of positive Rapid Antigen test result on the "Declaration System for individuals tested positive for COVID-19 using Rapid Antigen Test" of the Department of Health;
- isolation order issued by the Department of Health;
- discharge letter issued by any public hospitals or isolation facilities; or
- any other documents or electronic records issued by the Government or the Hospital Authority pertaining to the recovered person status of an individual.

For a person infected or recovered outside Hong Kong, the relevant proof of infection or recovery should be the record issued or recognised by the relevant health authorities of the place concerned.

[Note 5]

It applies to those who have received the CoronaVac (Sinovac) or the Comirnaty (BioNTech) vaccines. 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. 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.

[Note 6]

For example, a person who received the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine on 15 January 2022 has fulfilled the Vaccine Pass requirements in Stage 3 if he/she enters the campus on or before 14 July 2022 (i.e. within 6 months from the second dose). Starting 15 July 2022 (i.e. more than 6 months from the second dose), he/she has to receive the third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in order to fulfil the Vaccine Pass requirements for campus access in Stage 3.

Vaccine Pass requirements for campus access

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
	From 24 February to 4 May 2022	From 5 May to 5 June 2022	From 6 June 2022 onwards
For uninfected persons			
Aged 18 or above ^[Note A]	(i) Received 2 nd dose; or (ii) Received 1 st dose + submitted a negative result of a COVID-19 test done no more than 7 days before the day of entry to campus	Received 2 nd dose	(i) Received 3 rd dose; or (ii) Received 2 nd dose within 6 months ^[Note B]
Aged 12 to 17	(i) Received 2 nd dose or 1 st dose of Comirnaty (BioNTech); or (ii) Received 1 st dose [other than Comirnaty (BioNTech)] + submitted a negative result of a COVID-19 test done no more than 7 days before the day of entry to campus	(i) Received 2 nd dose; or (ii) Received 1 st dose of Comirnaty (BioNTech)	
For recovered persons (aged 12 or above)			
Within 6 months from recovery ^[Note C]	(i) Received at least 1 st dose; or (ii) If not vaccinated before infection ^[Note D] : Obtained a medical exemption approval from the University + submitted a negative result of a COVID-19 test done no more than 4 days before the day of entry to campus		
Having received 2 nd or 3 rd dose before infection ^[Note D]	No further dose required		
More than 6 months from recovery ^[Note C] , but not vaccinated before infection ^[Note D]	Received 1 st dose		(i) Received 2 nd dose; or (ii) Received 1 st dose within 6 months ^[Note E] ; or (iii) For those aged 12 to 17: Received 1 st dose of Comirnaty (BioNTech)
More than 6 months from recovery ^[Note C] , but having received 1 st dose before infection ^[Note D]	No further dose required		(i) Received 2 nd dose; or (ii) For those aged 12 to 17: Received 1 st dose of Comirnaty (BioNTech)

Annex 1

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
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For persons who have obtained approval from the University for exemption from COVID-19 vaccination due to medical reasons			
	A negative result of a COVID-19 test done no more than 4 days before the day of entry to campus		

[Note A]

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.

[Note B]

For example, a person who received the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine on 15 January 2022 has fulfilled the Vaccine Pass requirements in Stage 3 if he/she enters the campus on or before 14 July 2022 (i.e. within 6 months from the second dose). Starting 15 July 2022 (i.e. more than 6 months from the second dose), he/she has to receive the third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in order to fulfil the Vaccine Pass requirements for campus access in Stage 3.

[Note C]

Recovery is defined as 14 days after the date of the most recent documented positive test.

[Note D]

The number of doses received before infection counts 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.

[Note E]

For instance, a person who recovered more than six months ago and received the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine on 15 January 2022 has fulfilled the Vaccine Pass requirements in Stage 3 if he/she enters the campus on or before 14 July 2022 (i.e. within 6 months from the first dose). Starting 15 July 2022 (i.e. more than 6 months from the first dose), he/she has to receive the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in order to fulfil the Vaccine Pass requirements for campus access in Stage 3.