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COVID-19 VACCINATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2025/2026 AND THE UPDATED LP.8.1 COVID-19 VACCINE

This circular informs medical providers of the following:

- a. The COVID-19 vaccination recommendations for 2025/2026 remain unchanged from the 2024/2025 recommendations, as the vaccination continues to be recommended for persons at increased risk of severe COVID-19.
- b. COVID-19 vaccines available in Singapore will be updated to versions that target the LP.8.1 variant.

COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations for 2025/2026

2. The MOH's Expert Committee on Immunisation (ECI) has reviewed the prevailing COVID-19 vaccination recommendations and recommended for the 2025/2026 COVID-19 vaccination recommendations to remain unchanged from the 2024/2025 guidance.

Groups Recommended for Vaccination

3. Locally, COVID-19 cases remain stable and the severity of COVID-19 is low in the healthy general population. However, COVID-19 can still lead to severe disease especially among the high-risk groups. Therefore, COVID-19 vaccination continues to be important for individuals at increased risk of severe COVID-19 who will most benefit from increased protection with vaccination.

4. The persons recommended for COVID-19 vaccination in 2025/2026 are:

- a. Individuals aged 60 years and above
- b. Medically vulnerable individuals aged 6 months and above (see **Annex A**)
- c. Residents of aged care facilities

5. Healthcare workers and persons living or working with medically vulnerable individuals are encouraged to consider receiving the vaccine. Other individuals aged 6 months and above who wish to receive the COVID-19 vaccine can continue to do so.

6. Individuals may consider consulting their doctor to understand more about the benefits of the vaccine for their specific situation.

7. The recommended COVID-19 vaccines currently available for use in Singapore are Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty and Moderna/Spikevax. Novavax/Nuvaxovid is currently not available in Singapore. Updates will be provided if and when Novavax/Nuvaxovid is available for 2025/2026. Subsequent references to vaccine doses in this circular pertain to doses of these vaccines (see **Annex B** for age-based dosage and eligibility in children).

Initial Doses for Unvaccinated Individuals

8. Unvaccinated individuals who are getting the COVID-19 vaccination in 2025/2026 should receive the following:

- a. Ages 6 months – 4 years: two vaccine doses¹, eight weeks apart
- b. Ages 5 years and older: one vaccine dose

Additional 2025/2026 Dose for Vaccinated Individuals

9. Vaccinated individuals aged 6 months and above who are receiving an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccination in 2025/2026, should receive it at an interval of around one year (and at least five months) from the last vaccine dose.

Update of COVID-19 Vaccines

10. The Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty and Moderna/Spikevax vaccines will be updated from their JN.1 versions and replaced with the LP.8.1 vaccines from 27 October 2025, to better protect against more recent circulating SARS-CoV-2 strains.

11. Please see **Annex B** for an updated tabulation of the national COVID-19 vaccination recommendations and **Annex C** for precautions on COVID-19 vaccination.

12. Patients may book an appointment for COVID-19 vaccination at a participating General Practitioner clinic through <https://vaccine.gov.sg/covid>, or at a polyclinic through HealthHub. There is no referral form needed for COVID-19 vaccination, including for immunocompromised patients requiring a third initial dose. Members of

¹ (a) If the child has had a documented COVID-19 infection, providers may at their clinical discretion, and in discussion with parents, decide to administer one initial vaccine dose instead of two.
(b) Children whose second dose is due on or after turning 5 years old, should still receive the second dose at the dosage for a 5-year-old after the recommended interval from the first dose.

public can also check on the Mobile Vaccination Team deployment schedule at <https://go.gov.sg/mvt-s>.

13. From 1 Jan 2025, Healthier SG (HSG) GP clinics participating in the National Vaccination Programme (NVP) should submit all COVID-19 vaccination records via HSG-compatible Clinical Management Systems (CMSes) for NVP claims² and the Care Reporting Module for the Annual Service Fee (ASF) payments.

For Clarification

14. Please disseminate this circular to the relevant staff for their attention. For clarification on this circular, please email CDA_records_management@cda.gov.sg, or moh_info@moh.gov.sg.



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This circular is an update to the following:

MOH Circular 80/2024 – COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations and the JN.1 Vaccine Update for 2024/2025

² Clinics without HSG-compatible CMSes can submit NVP claims to the MOH Healthcare Claims Portal (MHCP) directly.

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ANNEX A

List of Medical Conditions for Which Persons are Considered Medically Vulnerable to Severe COVID-19

Medically vulnerable persons who are at higher risk of severe disease due to medical risk factors should be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Persons with the following conditions are recommended to receive COVID-19 vaccination in 2025/2026:

1. Diabetes
2. Heart conditions such as heart failure, ischemic heart disease, cardiomyopathy
3. Chronic lung conditions, including severe asthma
4. Chronic liver conditions, including cirrhosis
5. Chronic kidney conditions at any stage, including dialysis
6. Chronic neurologic conditions, including stroke
7. Cancer on active treatment
8. Blood conditions such as thalassemia and sickle cell anemia
9. Immunodeficiencies, including HIV infection
10. Obesity (BMI $\geq$ 30)
11. Genetic or metabolic conditions, including Down's syndrome and cystic fibrosis
12. Persons on non-cancer immunosuppressive treatment
13. Pregnancy (any trimester)

ANNEX B

COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations

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2.	Initial Doses for Unvaccinated Unvaccinated individuals (without moderate to severe immunocompromised conditions) receiving COVID-19 vaccination in 2025/2026 should receive one of the following vaccines: <table><tr><th></th><th>Vaccine</th><th>Age</th><th>Doses</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty</td><td>6 months to 4 years</td><td>Two 3mcg doses*</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty</td><td>5 to 11 years</td><td>One 10mcg dose</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty</td><td>12 years and above</td><td>One 30mcg dose</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Moderna/Spikevax</td><td>6 months to 4 years</td><td>Two 25mcg doses*</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Moderna/Spikevax</td><td>5 to 11 years</td><td>One 25mcg dose</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Moderna/Spikevax</td><td>12 years and above</td><td>One 50mcg dose</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>Novavax/Nuvaxovid #</td><td>12 years and above</td><td>One 5mcg dose</td></tr></table> *(a) The recommended interval between the two doses is eight weeks. Individuals, particularly those who are at risk for exposure to COVID-19 or severe disease, may receive the second dose earlier than eight weeks after the first dose but not less than the minimum intervals (21 days for the Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty and Novavax/Nuvaxovid# vaccines and 28 days for the Moderna/Spikevax vaccine). (b) If the child has had a documented COVID-19 infection, providers may at their clinical discretion, and in discussion with parents, decide to administer one initial vaccine dose instead of two.		Vaccine	Age	Doses	1	Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty	6 months to 4 years	Two 3mcg doses*	2	Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty	5 to 11 years	One 10mcg dose	3	Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty	12 years and above	One 30mcg dose	4	Moderna/Spikevax	6 months to 4 years	Two 25mcg doses*	5	Moderna/Spikevax	5 to 11 years	One 25mcg dose	6	Moderna/Spikevax	12 years and above	One 50mcg dose	7	Novavax/Nuvaxovid #	12 years and above	One 5mcg dose
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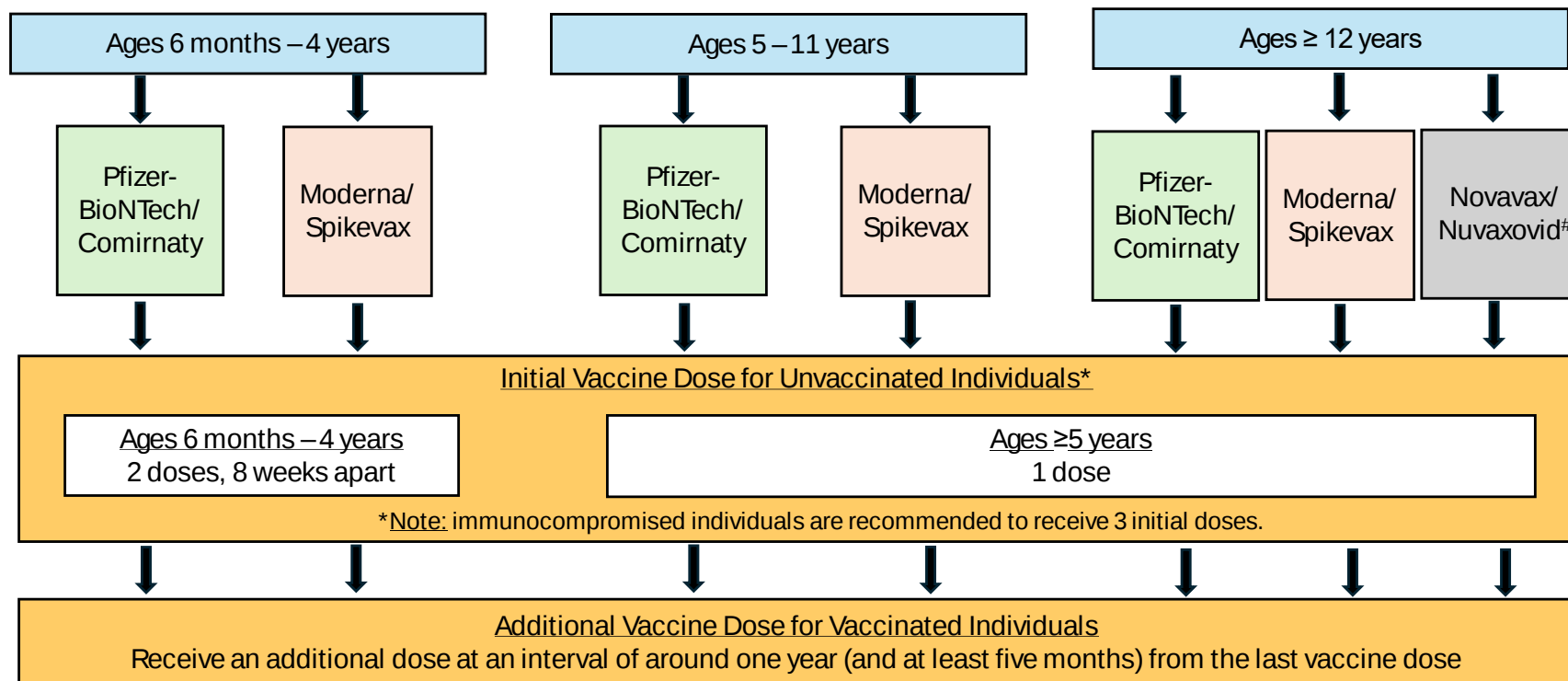
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3.	Three Initial Doses for Immunocompromised Persons with moderate to severe immunocompromised conditions are recommended to receive a total of three doses of the mRNA vaccines for their initial doses. This comprises a second dose eight weeks after the first dose, and a third dose two months after the second dose as part of an enhanced three-dose primary series. This includes persons with the following conditions: a. Transplant patients on immunosuppressive therapy, including solid organ and allogenic stem cell transplants b. Cancer patients on active treatment with chemotherapy and immunosuppressive therapy c. Haematological cancers d. Immunosuppressive treatment for non-cancer conditions e. End-stage kidney disease f. Advanced or untreated HIV The dosage of each dose is as described in the previous section.																								
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	Immunocompromised persons can be considered to receive the additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine from 5 months after their last dose in consultation with their treating physician for better protection.			
5.	Persons who Have Recovered from Recent COVID-19 Recently recovered persons being vaccinated should receive a vaccine dose at the recommended interval after any previous dose(s), and at least 28 days after the infection, although an interval of three months from the infection is recommended for better effectiveness.			

[#] Note: Novavax/Nuvaxovid is currently not available in Singapore. Updates will be provided if and when Novavax/Nuvaxovid is available for 2025/2026.

COVID-19 Vaccination for 2025/2026

Recommended for: (1) Ages ≥ 60 years, (2) Medically vulnerable of ages ≥ 6 months, (3) Residents of aged care facilities



Note: Novavax/Nuvaxovid is currently not available in Singapore. Updates will be provided if and when Novavax/Nuvaxovid is available for 2025/2026.

ANNEX C

COVID-19 Vaccination Precautions

Myocarditis

1. Male vaccinees aged 12-29 years who are receiving any dose of Moderna/Spikevax, Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty or Novavax/Nuvaxovid COVID-19 vaccines should be advised to refrain from participating in strenuous physical activities for one week after vaccination. During this period, they should promptly seek medical attention if they experience chest pain, shortness of breath, or abnormal heartbeats. Additional medical advice may be considered based on individual medical and occupational circumstances.
2. Vaccinated persons who had been diagnosed with myocarditis / pericarditis following their receipt of a COVID-19 vaccine should not receive any further doses of an mRNA or Novavax/Nuvaxovid vaccine.

Hypersensitivity Reactions

3. Persons who develop anaphylaxis to mRNA COVID-19 vaccine or its components [including polyethylene glycol (PEG)] **SHOULD NOT** receive an mRNA-based vaccine again.
4. Persons who develop the following high-risk hypersensitivity / allergic reactions to a previous dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine or its components [including PEG] **SHOULD NOT** receive an mRNA-based vaccine again:
 - Urticaria and/or angioedema with onset **within 4 hours** post-vaccination
 - Mucositis and / or bullous skin eruptions occurring at any time after vaccination
5. Similarly, persons who develop anaphylaxis or hypersensitivity to the Novavax/Nuvaxovid vaccine or its excipients / components **SHOULD NOT** receive it again.
6. Such persons may be eligible to receive a different vaccine type. For example, an individual who had anaphylaxis to an mRNA vaccine previously should not be given another dose of an mRNA vaccine but should instead be considered for vaccination with Novavax/Nuvaxovid .
7. For persons with a past history of allergic reactions (<4h) to any other COVID-19 vaccines or any anaphylaxis, observe for 30 minutes after vaccination with a suitable alternative vaccine.

Pregnancy and Breastfeeding

8. Women planning to conceive, pregnant women (any trimester) and breastfeeding women **CAN** be vaccinated.