

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF DISEASE (VACCINE PASS) REGULATION

**Vaccine Pass Direction in Relation to
Catering Business Premises and Scheduled Premises**

Part (1): Premises Subject to Active Checking of Vaccine Pass

I hereby exercise the power conferred on me by section 3(1) of the Prevention and Control of Disease (Vaccine Pass) Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. L) (“the Regulation”) to issue, in relation to these premises subject to active checking of Vaccine Pass:—

- (1) catering business premises (including bar/pub);
- (2) amusement game centre;
- (3) bathhouse;
- (4) fitness centre;
- (5) place of amusement;
- (6) place of public entertainment;
- (7) party room;
- (8) beauty parlour;
- (9) clubhouse;
- (10) club/nightclub;
- (11) karaoke establishment;
- (12) mahjong-tin kau premises;
- (13) massage establishment;
- (14) sports premises;
- (15) swimming pool;
- (16) cruise ship;
- (17) event premises;
- (18) hair salon/barber shop; and
- (19) religious premises,

as defined in the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599, sub. leg. F), the following direction for the purposes of the Regulation to:—

- (a) require that every person who enters or remains on the premises to have received vaccine(s) for the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19 vaccine) (the “Vaccine Pass requirements”) in the manner specified in Annex 1^[Note 1], unless he/she is exempted from the Vaccine Pass requirements^[Note 2], to carry at all times his/her COVID-19 Vaccination Record (“Vaccination Record”)^[Note 3] or COVID-19 Vaccination Medical Exemption Certificate (“Exemption Certificate”)^[Note 4] (as applicable), and to show it for inspection by the person-in-charge of the premises (“person-in-charge”) and on the request of an authorized officer;
- (b) require the person-in-charge^[Note 6] to inspect the relevant Vaccination Record or Exemption Certificate (as applicable) of any person entering or remaining on the premises to ensure that the person meets the Vaccine Pass requirements or is exempted from the Vaccine Pass requirements;
- (c) for persons entering or remaining on the premises^[Note 6], other than staff members involved in the operation of the premises, require the person-in-charge to use the latest version of the “QR Code Verification Scanner” mobile application developed by the Government to scan the QR code of the Vaccination Record or Exemption Certificate (as applicable) presented under sub-paragraph (b) and keep the log record for 31 days;
- (d) for staff members involved in the operation of the premises, require the person-in-charge to collect and retain the Vaccination Record or Exemption Certificate (as applicable) of his/her staff members for inspection on the request of an authorized officer;

- (e) require the person-in-charge^[Note 6], on the request of an authorized officer (including a health officer or a police officer) and for identifying and tracing of any person who may have been exposed to the risk of contracting COVID-19, to upload the log record mentioned in sub-paragraph (c) to an information system specified by the Government for storing and retrieving such record for the aforementioned purpose; and
- (f) require the person-in-charge of the premises to display a copy of the notice specified in **Annex 2 or 3** (as applicable)^[Note 6] in a prominent position at or near every entrance to the premises with a size not less than 210 x 297 mm (A4 size).

Part (2): Premises Subject to Passive Checking of Vaccine Pass

I hereby exercise the power conferred on me by section 3(1) of the Regulation to issue, in relation to these premises subject to passive checking of Vaccine Pass:—

- (1) shopping mall;
- (2) department store;
- (3) market; and
- (4) supermarket,

as defined in the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599, sub. leg. F), the following direction for the purposes of the Regulation to:—

- (a) require that every person who enters or remains on the premises to have received COVID-19 vaccine in the manner specified in **Annex 1**^[Note 1], unless he/she is exempted from the Vaccine Pass requirements^[Note 2], to carry at all times his/her Vaccination Record or Exemption Certificate (as applicable), and to show it for inspection on the request of an authorized officer;
- (b) for staff members involved in the operation of the premises, require the person-in-charge to collect and retain the Vaccination Record or Exemption Certificate (as applicable) of his/her staff members for inspection on the request of an authorized officer; and
- (c) require the person-in-charge to display a copy of the notice specified in **Annex 4** in a prominent position at or near every entrance to the premises with a size not less than 210 x 297 mm (A4 size).

Part (3): Hotel/guesthouse

I hereby exercise the power conferred on me by section 3(1) of the Regulation to issue, in relation to hotel/guesthouse as defined in the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599, sub. leg. F), the following direction for the purposes of the Regulation to:—

- (a) require that every staff member involved in the operation of any hotel/guesthouse to have received COVID-19 vaccine in the manner specified in **Annex 1**^[Note 1]; and
- (b) require the person-in-charge to collect and retain the Vaccination Record or Exemption Certificate (as applicable) of his/her staff members for inspection on the request of an authorized officer.

The above directions take effect on 30 September 2022 and supersede G.N. (E.) 497 of 2022.

Note 1:

For a person who is also subject to vaccination requirements under any directions issued pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599, sub. leg. F) apart from these directions issued pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Vaccine Pass) Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. L), the vaccination requirements under the relevant directions issued under the former Regulation prevail.

Note 2:

A person exempted from the Vaccine Pass requirements includes the following:—

- (1) a person aged below 5;
- (2) a person holding an Exemption Certificate;

- (3) a person entering a premises only for placing an order for takeaway of food or drink, or taking such food or drink, on the premises;
- (4) a person delivering or picking up an article on the premises;
- (5) a person performing necessary repairs on the premises;
- (6) a person entering or passing through a premises for receiving vaccination, medical treatment, COVID-19 testing, receiving essential Government services, or participating in legal proceedings; or
- (7) a person who has lawful authority or reasonable excuse for entering or remaining on the premises without having been vaccinated in the manner that meets the Vaccine Pass Requirements.

For details on applicable scenarios of the exemptions, please visit the COVID-19 Thematic Website (https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/vp_t2_ENG.pdf).

Note 3:

COVID-19 Vaccination Record refers to the following types of record, in paper or electronic form: (i) vaccination record issued under the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme organised by the Government; (ii) declaration record of non-local COVID-19 vaccination record issued at border control points, designated post offices or the online platform for declaration of non-local vaccination records (<https://www.chp.gov.hk/vac-df/>); and (iii) COVID-19 Recovery Record (“Recovery Record”) ^[Note 5]. For the purpose of Vaccine Pass, only Vaccination Record with a QR code is accepted.

Note 4:

COVID-19 Vaccination Medical Exemption Certificate refers to the certificate issued by a registered medical practitioner to a person who is assessed as medically unsuitable for vaccination by the practitioner, pursuant to the arrangements for issuing such a certificate as specified by the Department of Health. For the purpose of Vaccine Pass, only Exemption Certificate with a QR code is accepted.

Note 5:

COVID-19 Recovery Record refers to the record issued to a person to certify that he/she had been infected with and/or had recovered from COVID-19 (“a recovered person”). For the purpose of Vaccine Pass, recovery is defined as 14 days after the date of the most recent documented positive test. The Government has made arrangements for the Recovery Record to be incorporated into the QR Code for the Vaccination Record. For a person infected or recovered outside Hong Kong, the Government has made arrangements for non-local proof of infection or recovery to be declared and recognised locally. For the purpose of Vaccine Pass, only Recovery Record with a QR code is accepted.

Note 6:

For a person-in-charge who is also subject to requirements concerning inspection, scanning, collection of information, etc. set out in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) under any directions issued pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599, sub. leg. F) apart from these directions issued pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Vaccine Pass) Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. L), the requirements in relation to sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) under the relevant directions issued under the former Regulation prevail. For (1) outdoor place of public entertainment, (2) outdoor sports premises, and (3) outdoor event premises, the person-in-charge of any of these outdoor premises is only required to visually inspect the Vaccination Record or Exemption Certificate (as applicable) of any person entering or remaining on the premises as far as feasible, and the requirements in sub-paragraphs (b), (c) and (e) are not applicable. For the requirement in sub-paragraph (f), the person-in-charge of these outdoor premises is to display a copy of the notice specified in Annex 3 in a prominent position at or near every entrance to the premises with a size not less than 210 x 297 mm (A4 size).

Annex 1: Vaccine Pass Requirements ^[Note 7]

Implementation Date/Category of Persons	From 31 May to 29 September 2022	From 30 September to 29 November 2022	From 30 November 2022 onwards
(A) Persons aged 12 or above ^[Note 9]	(i) 2nd dose, if within 6 months from 2nd dose (ii) 3rd dose, if after 6 months from 2nd dose	(i) 2nd dose, if within 5 months from 2nd dose (ii) 3rd dose, if after 5 months from 2nd dose	3rd dose
(B) Persons aged 5 to 11 ^[Note 10]	Not applicable	(i) 1st dose, if within 3 months from 1st dose (ii) 2nd dose, if after 3 months from 1st dose	2nd dose
(C1) Recovered persons aged 5 or above ^[Note 10] within 6 months from recovery ^[Note 11]	No additional dose required		
(C2) Recovered persons aged 5 or above ^[Note 10] who had received 2nd or 3rd dose before COVID-19 infection ^[Note 12]	No additional dose required		
(C3) Recovered persons aged 5 or above ^[Note 10] after 6 months from recovery ^[Note 11]	(i) <u>Not vaccinated before COVID-19 infection</u> ^[Note 12]	(i) 1st dose, if within 6 months from 1st dose (ii) 2nd dose, if after 6 months from 1st dose ^[Note 8] *2nd dose not required for a person aged 5–17 who took Comirnaty (BioNTech) as 1st dose	
	(ii) <u>Received 1st dose before COVID-19 infection</u> ^[Note 12]	2nd dose ^[Note 8] *2nd dose not required for a person aged 5–17 who took Comirnaty (BioNTech) as 1st dose	

Note 7:

A person who received a “full course” COVID-19 vaccination 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. For the person to fulfill the requirement for the 3rd dose, he/she should receive an additional dose on the List after the “full course”. For a person who has been fully or partially vaccinated with vaccines not on the List, he/she is required to start over with vaccines available in Hong Kong following the local recommended schedule.

Note 8:

For a recovered 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 5 to 17, and thereafter his/her eligibility will follow the category applicable to persons aged 18 or above.

Note 9:

For a person who will turn 12, he/she will be given a 7-month window, counting from his/her 12th birthday, during which his/her eligibility will follow the category applicable to persons aged 5 to 11, and thereafter his/her eligibility will follow the category applicable to persons aged 12 or above.

Note 10:

For a person who will turn 5, he/she will be given a 3-month window, counting from his/her 5th birthday, during which he/she will be exempted from Vaccine Pass requirements, and thereafter his/her eligibility will follow categories (B), (C1), (C2) or (C3) (as applicable).

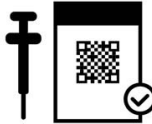
Note 11:

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

Note 12:

For the purpose of the Vaccine Pass, all doses received before COVID-19 infection will be taken into account regardless of the interval between the date of vaccination and the date of the most recent documented positive test. A recovered person is still recommended to follow the Department of Health’s Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases and Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases in counting only those doses received at least 14 days before the most recent documented positive test for his/her vaccination course.

Annex 2: Notice to be Displayed at Premises Subject to Active Checking of Vaccine Pass except Outdoor Place of Public Entertainment, Outdoor Sports Premises, and Outdoor Event Premises



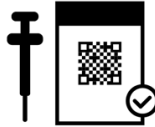
Vaccine Pass Applicable Premises

This is a premises subject to active checking of Vaccine Pass under the Vaccine Pass Direction issued by the Secretary for Health pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Vaccine Pass) Regulation (Cap. 599, sub. leg. L). Every person who enters or remains on this premises is required under the law to have been vaccinated in the manner specified in the Direction, unless he/she is an exempted person. For details, please visit the COVID-19 Thematic Website.

The person-in-charge of this premises is required under the law to –

- ensure that every person who enters or remains on this premises (“the person”) to have been vaccinated in the manner specified in the Direction, unless he/she is an exempted person;
- scan the QR code of the vaccination record or COVID-19 Vaccination Medical Exemption Certificate (as applicable) of the person by using the “QR Code Verification Scanner” mobile application and keep the log record for 31 days; and Note: Information from the relevant QR Code including name and ID card number (which are partially masked and hashed); the vaccination dates (or expiry date of a medical exemption certificate); and the scanning date and time, will be encrypted and stored in the mobile application. It is not possible to use the information to identify any of the individuals concerned. The staff of the premises will not have access to the information.
- on request of an authorized officer (including a health officer or a police officer) and for identifying and tracing of any person who may have been exposed to the risk of contracting COVID-19, provide the said log record to the Department of Health.

Annex 3: Notice to be Displayed at Outdoor Place of Public Entertainment, Outdoor Sports Premises, and Outdoor Event Premises

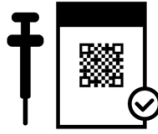


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The person-in-charge of this premises is required under the law to visually inspect the vaccination record or COVID-19 Vaccination Medical Exemption Certificate (as applicable) of any person entering or remaining on the premises (as far as feasible for outdoor sports premises).

Annex 4: Notice to be Displayed at Premises Subject to Passive Checking of Vaccine Pass



Vaccine Pass Applicable Premises

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Every person who enters or remains on this premises is required under the law to have been vaccinated in the manner specified in the Direction, unless he/she is an exempted person. For details, please visit the Government's COVID-19 Thematic Website.

26 September 2022

Secretary for Health