

COVID-19 Vaccination for Students (12 years and above)

4 June 2021

Overview

- The national COVID-19 vaccination exercise will be extended to **students aged 12 years** in Primary Schools.
- If your child is eligible for the vaccination (**12 years old as at 7 June 2021**), you will receive an **SMS invitation** via the National Appointment System (NAS) to make vaccination appointments for him/her.



Overview

- Upon receiving the SMS invitation, you should book a vaccination slot as soon as possible as it is on a first-come-first-served basis. Best to book within the same or next day of receiving the SMS to get more choices, and to secure appointments on preferred dates before the slots are open to other groups.
- Students who are unable to get vaccinated during the duration of the MOE vaccination exercise may do so later when vaccination is open to the general public for their age bands and if they are medically eligible to do so at that point in time.



Key Points for Parents' Note

- The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is currently the only COVID-19 vaccine authorised in Singapore for safe use in adolescents aged 12 years and above. The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) and the Expert Committee on COVID-19 Vaccination (EC19V) have reviewed its safety and efficacy based on the clinical trials for individuals in this age group.
- Vaccination is not mandatory, but we strongly encourage students who are medically eligible to take the vaccination when offered. As there is still a risk of community spread at this time, the vaccination can *help to significantly reduce the chances of infection for students and prevent severe illness if infected. This will also help to keep schools and the community safe.*



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- Medical eligibility:
 - You will be prompted to complete an online medical screening form, to screen out students who are not suitable for the vaccine.
 - There will be another round of medical screening conducted at the vaccination site.
 - You may also consult your child's regular doctor for advice on receiving the vaccination and obtain a memo on your child's condition to help the medical team at the vaccination site assess your child's suitability for vaccination.
 - The final decision on whether your child should proceed with vaccination will be made by the medical professionals at the vaccination site.

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- The NAS has been upgraded to allow for parent consent (in addition to medical declaration) to be collected as part of the process for booking of vaccination appointments at community vaccination centres (CVCs).
- Parent/guardian accompaniment is required for students aged 12.
- Sign up for slots outside of school hours if possible to minimise disruption to your child's learning and school activities.
 - If students need to be scheduled for vaccination during school curriculum time, school will provide time-off for them to do so.
- If students feel unwell from the side effects of the vaccine, they would be given time off and considered as being on medical leave. To facilitate this, evidence of their vaccination appointment should be submitted to school.

Key Dates for P6 Students

School Prelim Examinations	Dates
Prelim Orals	Monday 26 July to Wednesday 28 July 2021
Prelim Listening Comprehension	Tuesday 17 August 2021
Prelim Written Exams	Thursday 19 August to Friday 20 August; Monday 23 August to Wednesday 25 August 2021

National Examinations	Dates*
PSLE Orals	Thursday 12 August to Friday 13 August 2021
PSLE Listening Comprehension	Friday, 17 September 2021
PSLE Written Exams	Thursday 30 September to Wednesday 6 October 2021

*Source: [Calendar | Ministry of Education \(moe.gov.sg\)](https://www.moe.gov.sg/calendar)

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