

VACCINATION TASK FORCE

ADVISORY No. 68 - 2022

SUBJECT: INTERIM OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES IN THE

ADMINISTRATION OF SECOND COVID-19 BOOSTER DOSES (FOURTH SHOT) TO IMMUNOCOMPROMISED POPULATION (ICPs)

AGES 18 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE

DATE: 23 April 2022

In accordance DOH Memorandum No. 2022-0154 or the *Interim Operational Guidelines in the Administration of Second COVID-19 Booster Doses to Immunocompromised Population (ICPs) Ages 18 Years Old and Above,* these operational guidelines for **booster doses for ICPs** are hereby issued:

I. BASIC INFORMATION ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF BOOSTER DOSES

- Booster doses may only be administered to the vaccinated population who have completed their primary vaccination series (1st and 2nd doses, or the single-dose of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine) and First Dose of Booster.
- The booster dose may be a different brand (heterologous dose) or may be the same brand (homologous dose) from the vaccine that was used to complete the primary vaccine series and first booster. Please see **Annex "A"** for reference
- Vaccine interval of the Second (2nd) booster shall be administered at least three (3) months after the third (3rd) dose or first (1st) booster.
- Second booster vaccination in the City of Taguig shall officially commence on <u>25 April 2022 (Monday)</u> in all hubs that cater vaccine recipients, 18 years old and above.

II. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This Advisory shall be applied to individuals categorized as Immunocompromised ages 18 years old and above, regardless of Priority Group classification.

Immunocompromised individuals are those with:

- a. Immunodeficiency state
- b HIV
- c. Active cancer or malignancy
- d. Transplant recipients
- e. Undergoing steroid treatment
- f. Patients with poor prognosis/bed-ridden patients; and
- g. Other conditions of immunodeficiency as certified by physician

III. REQUIREMENTS FOR VACCINATION

All immunocompromised individuals, regardless of their priority group, shall need the following:

- 1. **TRACE** registration and QR Code.
- 2. **Proof of Identity –** a valid ID, or any other government issued ID.

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- 3. **Proof of Vaccination** their official vaccination card, or a vaccine certificate procured from the VaxCertPh (vaxcert.doh.gov.ph).
- 4. Medical Certificate

IV. BOOSTER SCHEDULING

1. TRACE Online Scheduling

- a. Log-in to TRACE.
- b. Ensure that your profile states that you are fully vaccinated.
 - i. If yes, proceed to the next step.
 - ii. If no, please update your vaccine status, as provided in VTF Advisory 47 2021.
- c. Click on Vaccination Online Appointment.
- d. Choose the date, venue, and vaccine brand.
- e. Confirm the choices made.
- f. Wait for the schedule confirmation from TAGUIGINFO via text message
- g. Go to the Vaccination Site of choice on the date of vaccination and bring the following:
 - i. TRACE QR Code
 - ii. Proof of Vaccination
 - iii. Proof of Residence (for Taguig residents only)
 - iv. Medical Clearance/Clearance

V. Clarificatory Matters

- 1. The vaccine recipient may choose their preferred booster vaccine, if the brand is available.
- 2. The administration of boosters is open to Taguig residents and transient workers who had their primary series/1st booster vaccination done outside of Taguig City.
- 3. Vaccine recipients with a previous history of adverse reactions are advised to consult with their attending physician for the recommended boosting strategy.

For information and guidance.

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Annex "A"

	From Primary Dose to First Booster			From First Booster to Second Booster		
Primary Vaccination	Interval	Homologous Booster	Heterologous Booster	Interval	Homologous Booster	Heterologous Booster
Sinovac	3 months interval	Sinovac	AstraZeneca Pfizer Moderna Sputnik Light* Janssen	3 months interval	Sinovac	AstraZeneca Pfizer Moderna**
Sinopharm		Sinopharm*	AstraZeneca Pfizer Moderna** Sputnik Light* Janssen		Sinopharm*	AstraZeneca Pfizer Moderna**
AstraZeneca		AstraZeneca	Pfizer Moderna** Sputnik Light* Janssen		AstraZeneca	Pfizer Moderna**
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Gamaleya Sputnik V		-	AstraZeneca Pfizer Moderna** Janssen		-	AstraZeneca Pfizer Moderna**
Janssen	2 months interval	Janssen	AstraZeneca Pfizer Moderna** Sputnik Light*		1	AstraZeneca Pfizer Moderna**
Gamaleya Sputnik Light (Single Dose)		-	AstraZeneca Pfizer Moderna** Janssen		-	AstraZeneca Pfizer Moderna**

^{*}Contraindicated for pregnant and breastfeeding women

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^{**}Half dose