澳門特別行政區政府
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Q&A on Certificate of Vaccination

(Applicable to Schools of Non-tertiary Education)

1. Q： Are all students required to present the certificate of vaccination during registration?

   A： At present, only students entering the first year of pre-primary education and those registering in local schools of non-tertiary education for the first time are required to submit the original certificate of vaccination and copy of personal immunization record (in paper or electronic format) during the enrolment. According to actual situation, the above measure may be extended to primary one and form one students in the future.

2. Q： What should students do if they fail to submit the vaccination certificate during enrolment?

   A： The vaccination certificate should be submitted when students enrol in the new academic year. Those who fail to do so for various reasons should submit the required documents within 2 months after the commencement of the academic year.

3. Q： Are all employees required to present the vaccination certificate before commencement of employment?

   A： Yes. According to article 12 of the Administrative Regulation no. 5/2022 - “Immunization Regime”, all new employees of schools of non-tertiary education in Macao are required to submit the original certificate of vaccination and copy of personal immunization record (in paper or electronic format) before commencement of employment. If such employees are civil servants, this should be executed according to the existing physical examination requirements for new civil servants, and submission of vaccination certificate is not additionally required.

4. Q： What should schools do if new employees fail to submit the

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vaccination certificate before commencement of employment?

A： The vaccination certificate should be submitted before their commencement of work. For those who fail to do so, schools should adopt relevant anti-epidemic measures according to the actual conditions, e.g. suspend their work in the concerned premises.

5. Q： If students/new employees have already received the required vaccinations, can they submit only the Personal Immunization Record?

A： If the school is able to identify whether the students/new employees have been vaccinated as required according to the personal immunization record, the students/new employees may submit the personal immunization record only.

6. Q： Where can the certificate of vaccination be obtained?

A： Simply bring along the personal immunization record and the Health Bureau Patient Card (Gold Card) to apply for the vaccination certificate at the corresponding health centre, health station or vaccination station at Kiang Wu Hospital; presence of the student is not required. However, if the student has not been vaccinated according to the Macao Immunization Programme, or is unsure, parents may need to make an appointment and bring the student along.

7. Q： The old Personal Immunization Record (yellow booklet) will no longer be updated, where can the new version of Personal Immunization Record be obtained?

A： The new version of Personal Immunization Record can be obtained at health centres, health stations or vaccination station at Kiang Wu Hospital during service hours, or downloaded from the “Macao One Account” app. The information contained in the personal immunization record accords with the database record of the Health Bureau, and an interoperable QR code which enables verification of authenticity is available on the new personal immunization record.

8. Q： Are non-local students/new employees required to present the vaccination certificate?

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A： Regardless of their nationality, all students entering the first year of pre-primary education or registering in local schools of non-tertiary education for the first time, or new employees of schools of non-tertiary education in Macao have to submit the certificate of vaccination.

9. Q： Can non-local students/employees get the vaccination certificate with a personal immunization record issued outside Macao?

A： Yes. They may apply for the vaccination certificate at the corresponding health centre with their foreign personal immunization records. However, if the vaccination recorded in the personal immunization record does not meet the requirement prescribed in Macao, the concerned individuals will have to get the vaccination again to obtain the vaccination certificate, which certifies all vaccinations required in the Macao Immunization Programme for the corresponding age have been completed.

10. Q： Is there any cost for the vaccination certificate?

A： Under general situation, the vaccination certificate is free of charge.

11. Q： What happens if the personal immunization record is lost?

A： Local residents may apply for the replacement of personal immunization record at health centres, health stations or the vaccination station at the Kiang Wu Hospital; the personal immunization record according to the database record of the Health Bureau may also be downloaded from the “Macao One Account” app. Non-local residents may request their place of origin to re-issue the relevant vaccination certificate; those who fail to provide the vaccination certificate have to receive the vaccination again.

12. Q： How to interpret the certificate of vaccination?

A： The certificate of vaccination indicates three situations of completing the Macao SAR Immunization Programme:

1) has completed the immunization programme of the corresponding age;

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2) has not completed the immunization programme of the corresponding age, but has continued relevant vaccination procedure;
3) has not completed the immunization programme of the corresponding age and refused to continue the vaccination.

13. Q： How should schools of non-tertiary education cope with students who refuse to be vaccinated?

A： For students who have not completed the immunization programme of the corresponding age and refused to continue the vaccination or failed to submit the vaccination certificate, schools will follow-up in accordance with the guideline issued by the Health Bureau.

14. Q： How should schools cope with new employees who refuse to be vaccinated?

A： Pursuant to article 12 of the Administrative Regulation no. 5/2022 - "Immunization Regime", new employees of schools of non-tertiary education in Macao should complete the vaccinations required in the Macao Immunization Regime; schools should adopt relevant anti-epidemic measures according to the actual conditions, e.g. suspend their work in the concerned premises.

15. Q： How should schools of non-tertiary education cope with students who have not completed the immunization programme but has continued relevant vaccination procedure?

A： For students who have not completed the immunization programme but have continued relevant vaccination procedure, schools should require those students to submit the vaccination certificate within one month after the vaccination to prove that they have continued the vaccination procedure; schools will continue to remind students to submit the vaccination certificate until they have completed the immunization programme of the corresponding age.

16. Q： How should schools deal with students who do not continue the vaccination procedure?

A： If students fail to submit the updated certificate of vaccination within

three months of the designated period, schools should handle the case as refuse to continue the vaccination/fail to submit vaccination certificate in accordance with the guideline issued by the Health Bureau.

17. Q： How should schools cope with new employees who have not completed the immunization programme but has continued relevant vaccination procedure?

A： Schools should register with such employees, and urge them complete the required vaccination(s) as scheduled with provision of relevant certificate(s); schools should adopt relevant anti-epidemic measures according to the actual conditions, e.g. suspend relevant work of such employees.

18. Q： How to manifest that students/new employees have continued relevant vaccination procedure?

A： After each catch-up vaccination, the health centre will issue a vaccination certificate to the students, and will update the time for the next vaccination.

19. Q： How should schools manage the vaccination certificates of students/new employees?

A： Vaccination certificate, copy of personal immunization record and relevant documents of students/new employees should be kept in their student/staff record respectively for checking purpose.

20. Q： How will the Health Bureau/ Education and Youth Development Bureau monitor the implementation situation in schools?

A： The Health Bureau may check the vaccination record of the concerned individuals in its database or randomly check the vaccination record of the concerned individuals in certain schools with the Education and Youth Development Bureau annually; besides, the Health Bureau may also request the concerned school to provide relevant records in the event of an outbreak/occurrence of certain vaccine-preventable diseases in the school.

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21. Q： If I still have questions, who can I call for more information?

A： You may contact the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention of the Health Bureau at 28533525.

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