

Guidelines on the 3rd vaccination(booster) against COVID-19 for foreigners aged(12~17 years old) staying in Korea

The number of confirmed cases among adolescents aged(12~17years old) who have passed the primary vaccination is increasing rapidly, and the number of severe cases and deaths continues to occur. Accordingly, to protect adolescents from severe and death due to COVID-19 infection, we would like to inform you that the 3rd dose of the COVID-19 vaccine will be implemented for foreigners aged 12 to 17 years old in Korea as follows.

■ Subject of vaccination

- It is intended for **adolescents** aged 12 to 17 years old who have **passed the basic vaccination in Korea or abroad for 3 months**, vaccination is strongly **recommended for high-risk groups with high severe risk**.
- ※ For adolescents(ages 12-17) with a history of infection with COVID-19, the same as adults, the third dose is not recommended.

■ Vaccine type, vaccination interval

- The third dose for adolescents is Pfizer vaccine.
- Among the 12 to 17year old, the 3rd vaccination can be receive 3 months(90 days) after the completion of the primary vaccination. However, immunocompromised patients* should be vaccinated every two months.
- * The vaccination interval can be adjusted if the person with reduced immunity is issued a medical certificate or a doctor's opinion from a medical institution and presented to the local public health center.

■ Date and location

- **Pre-booking** and **same-day vaccinations** are available from **March 14th(Mon)**, and **reservations** are available from **March 21st(Mon)**.
- **Vaccinations** can be receive at **medical institutions, public health centers, or vaccination centers** that administer COVID-19 vaccination regardless of whether or not you subscribe to health insurance.

■ How to make a reservation

1. Foreigners aged 12 to 17 year old who have completed basic vaccination in Korea

- 1) **Registered foreigners:** Reservations can be made online or by phone in the same way as for basic vaccination.
 - ① Online reservation: Access the **COVID-19** vaccination pre-booking system(<https://ncvr.kdca.go.kr>) and make a reservation for yourself or a proxy.
 - ② Telephone reservation : Call center of Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention(**☎1339**) or call center of local government.
 - ③ Same-day vaccination : After registering on the medical institution preliminary list(confirmation by phone)

* Reservation of residual vaccine through **SNS** is only available for those over 14 years of age.

- 2) **Unregistered foreigners(including illegal immigrants):** You can make a reservation by phone or by visiting a vaccination institution(medical institution or public health center) using the temporary control number issued by the public health center at the time of basic vaccination.

2. Foreigners who have completed basic vaccination abroad(including foreigners staying for less than 90 days)

- You can make a reservation by visiting a nearby public health center with your ID card, obtaining a temporary control number, register your overseas vaccination history, and then making a reservation by phone or by visiting an vaccination institution(medical institution or public health center).

* When issuing a temporary control number, it is not required to present your ID card, such as a passport or alien registration card.

In the case of adolescents, a guardian or legal representative is required to monitor the safety of vaccination and adverse reactions. It is absolutely necessary.(Parents should visit with the adolescents child, verify their identity, and fill out a pre-diagnosis form at the vaccination institution)

* In case unaccompanied by guardian, prepare the consent form and pre-diagnosis form for vaccination in advance, and the person subject to vaccination submits it to the medical institution.

※ Reference

- **Identity information is use only for vaccination purposes, and illegal stay, etc., will not be notified to the immigration office under the exemption system of the obligation to notify.**
- For more details, please visit the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's COVID-19 vaccination website(<https://ncv.kdca.go.kr>).