

Conditions for Being Medically Ineligible for all COVID-19 Vaccines under the National Vaccination Programme (NVP)

Only the following individuals will be certified as medically ineligible for all COVID-19 vaccines under the NVP:

- a. **Persons aged 18 years (based on date of birth)** and above who were unable to complete their vaccination regime due to allergies or a previous severe adverse reaction to all NVP vaccines, namely, Pfizer-BioNTech/ Comirnaty, Moderna and Sinovac-CoronaVac; or
- b. **Persons below 18 years of age**, who were unable to complete the vaccination regime¹ due to allergies or a severe adverse reaction to a previous dose of a PSAR-authorized mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, and unable to take the Sinovac-CoronaVac vaccine; or
- c. **Persons with/ under the following condition(s)/ treatment:**
 - Transplant within past 3 months; and/or
 - Aggressive immunotherapy; and/or
 - Active cancer on treatment.

While persons listed in (c) can take the COVID-19 vaccine safely, their doctors may advise delaying their vaccination (as they will be severely immunocompromised during the course of their medical treatment) to a time when the vaccine will be more effective for them. Their medical ineligibility status will expire upon reaching the date indicated by the certifying doctor on when they may take the vaccine. They may be further reviewed by their doctors as necessary. Such individuals remain highly vulnerable to severe infection from COVID-19 given their medical condition and should follow the advice of their doctors in limiting their social activities and protecting themselves from potential infection, even if they are allowed to participate in events and activities in VDS settings.

¹ Persons aged 12 – 17 years are only eligible to take the Pfizer-BioNTech/ Comirnaty mRNA vaccine. While Sinovac-CoronaVac has not been approved for general use for individuals in this age band, those who are medically ineligible for the Pfizer-BioNTech/ Comirnaty vaccine could opt to take the Sinovac-CoronaVac vaccine under a dedicated public health programme where they will be closely monitored by medical personnel.