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**Construction Industry Acknowledges Vaccine Completion Record as
Valid Negative Result for Regular COVID-19 Testing**

Hong Kong, 12 April 2021 – With concerted effort by the construction industry, the implementation of compulsory regular COVID-19 testing scheme has received positive response since its roll out on 22 February 2021. The Construction Industry Council (CIC) and the Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA) agrees to the Food and Health Bureau’s announcement on 29 March 2021, that vaccine recipients have fulfilled the requirement for regular COVID-19 testing as vaccination will help recipients develop immunity in 14 days after completion.

After discussion with the Development Bureau, the CIC and HKCA concur to adopt the Government’s proposition to acknowledge vaccine completion record as valid negative COVID-19 testing result for the compulsory regular COVID-19 testing scheme. Therefore, workers who have administered their final COVID-19 vaccine for more than 14 days will not be required to undertake regular COVID-19 testing. Compulsory testing measures should be maintained and site staff who has not completed their vaccination for 14 days are required to present negative COVID-19 test results issued within the past 14 days when entering construction sites for work.

Launched by the CIC and HKCA on 15 March 2021, the “Construction Industry COVID-19 Testing Service Scheme 2.0” will conclude on 17 April 2021. The scheme assists larger construction sites to arrange appointed testing institution for providing site staff specimen collection service at construction sites, over 170 sites and 47,000 site workers are expected to be served. The Food and Health Bureau further announced that the one-off free COVID-19 testing for construction site personnel in Community Testing Centres will be offered until 30 April 2021.

Subsidised and supported by the Development Bureau to provide assistance to the industry, the CIC and HKCA will extend a free COVID-19 deep throat saliva specimen testing service between 1 May to 15 June 2021 where one-off distribution and collection service for deep throat saliva specimen collection packs will be arranged for 1,350 construction sites' workers and other resident site personnel. Updates will be available on CIC website in due course (www.cic.hk/eng/main/CITS/).

Starting from 16 June 2021, industry practitioners who has not been vaccinated can continue to use the free specimen collection packs distribution and collection service provided by the Hospital Authority. They can choose to collect deep throat saliva specimen collection packs at its 47 general out-patient clinics, 121 post offices or 20 MTR stations and return specimen to the designated collection points (www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html). Contractors can also arrange appointed testing institution (www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/recognised_testing_institutions.html) to distribute and collect specimen collection pack for site staff at construction sites.

The CIC and HKCA urges contractors and subcontractors to encourage their workers and other site resident personnel to join the inoculation campaign to better protect themselves while saving time and resources needed for regular testing. Construction industry practitioners are encouraged to make their vaccination appointment through the online booking system of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme (<https://booking.covidvaccine.gov.hk/forms/index.jsp>) and be reminded to tick "Registered construction workers and other resident site personnel" as their priority group.

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完成接種2019 冠狀病毒病疫苗

Completed Covid-19 vaccination

符合工地定期 檢測要求

Fulfilled regular testing requirement



工地人員在接種第二劑2019冠狀病毒病疫苗後再過14天，可被視為已符合工地定期檢測要求。如未曾完成接種的工地人員，則仍須符合定期檢測的要求，即持有過去14天內發出2019冠狀病毒病檢測的有效陰性檢測結果，方能進入工地上班。

Workers who have completed their COVID-19 vaccination will not be required to undertake regular COVID-19 testing 14 days after the last dose. Compulsory testing measures should be maintained and site staff who has not completed their vaccination for 14 days are required to present negative COVID-19 test results conducted within the past 14 days when entering construction sites for work.

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About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed in 2007 under the Construction Industry Council Ordinance (Cap. 587). The CIC consists of a chairman and 24 members representing various sectors of the industry including employers, professionals, academics, contractors, workers, independent persons and Government officials.

The main functions of the CIC are to forge consensus on long-term strategic issues, convey the industry's needs and aspirations to the Government, provide professional training and registration services, and serve as a communication channel between the Government and the construction industry.

Please visit www.cic.hk for further details.