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## Covid-19 Vaccination Process for Children and Adolescents Aged 12-17

- ◆ **On the basis of individual will or the voluntary consent of a legal guardian (legal representative), the Pfizer (12~17 years old permitted) vaccine is processed in a consigned medical institution as an individual vaccination rather than a group vaccination after making a reservation.**
- ◆ Influenza vaccination period (starting on 10. 14 for individuals under 13 years old ) and academic schedules including the midterm and final exams are taken into account when arranging the vaccination on the following dates:  
**Starting on October 18 (Mon) for individuals aged 16~17 years old ,**  
**Starting on November 1 (Mon) for individuals aged 12~15 years old**

- The Ministry of Education (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Yu Eun Hye) announced on September 27 (Mon) that **the vaccination of children and adolescents aged 12~17 years old (born in 2004~2009) will be processed starting in October in accordance with the decision made by the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (Director Jeong Eun Kyeong).**
- The vaccination program will be processed in consigned medical

institutions arranged domestically **on the basis of the individual will of the vaccination subjects or the voluntary consent of their guardian (legal representative) as an individual vaccination** rather than a group vaccination **after making a reservation** (Covid-19 Vaccination Pre-Reservation System).

- Individuals aged **16~17 years old (i.e. persons born in 2004~2005)** will complete their reservation from **October 5 (Tues) to October 29 (Fri)**, and will be vaccinated **between October 18 (Mon) and November 13 (Sat)**. Individuals aged **12~15 years old (i.e. persons born in 2006~2009)** will start reserving their vaccination and will be vaccinated **starting from 2 weeks thereafter, respectively**.
- ※ The total number of vaccination subjects is 2.77 million. Vaccination is processed with the Pfizer vaccine (permitted for individuals aged 12~17).

**<Reservation and Vaccination Schedule for Children and Adolescents by Age>**

Subject	16-17 years old (born in 2004-2005)	12-15 years old (born in 2006-2009)
<b>Reservation</b>	Oct.05(Tues) 20:00-Oct.29 (Fri) 18:00	Oct.18.(Mon) 20:00-Nov.12 (Fri) 18:00
<b>Vaccination</b>	Oct.18 (Mon)-Nov.13 (Sat) <4 Weeks>	Nov.01 (Mon)-Nov.27 (Sat) <4 Weeks>

\* Based on birth year. Subjects born in 2010 among elementary school 6th graders are not included in the vaccination list

- **The vaccination schedule is distinguished by age in consideration of the influenza vaccination period (starting on Oct. 14 for individuals under 13 years old) and academic schedules including the midterm and final exams.**
- On the other hand, **the Vaccination Experts Committee (Aug. 25 Wed. Debate)**, which was attended by experts in the relative field, suggested that **the government should include children and adolescents as vaccination subjects after considering every aspect of vaccination**

**including necessity, efficiency, safety, etc.**

**<Vaccination Experts Committee Debate (Aug.25) Result>**

**(Children and Adolescents)** The safety and efficiency of vaccination were recently confirmed with the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety's approval of the vaccine (i.e. the Pfizer vaccine for subjects over 12 years old), and were further confirmed in major countries of the World Health Organization (WHO) including the United States and Japan. Therefore, it is suggested that South Korea include children and adolescents aged 12~17 years as vaccination subjects. It is further suggested that the vaccination of this age group should be processed upon completing the vaccination of adults over 18 years old (i.e. high-risk groups and the general population).

- The Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency has claimed that although the death rate and the rate of health deterioration of children and adolescents due to Covid-19 are very low, **side effects including severe infections and multisystem inflammatory syndrome may occur on rare occasions**, and that other side effects including **reduced educational opportunities and low self-esteem caused by the psychological stress of being isolated may result.**
- In addition, it has been **officially announced (Sep. 27)** that the vaccination will be **recommended for voluntary processing** on the basis that adequate information about the merits and risks of vaccination opportunities and the vaccination itself is provided, and **it is strongly recommended to patients with underlying diseases or co-morbidities (high-risk group) on the basis that the information regarding the significance of vaccination is adequately discussed.**

\* Endocrine disease including diabetes and obesity, cardiovascular disease, chronic kidney disease, chronic respiratory disease, nervous system disease, immune system disease, etc.

- The Ministry of Education will **cooperate with the quarantine authority mainly** in connection with provincial and provincial offices of education and schools **to ensure** that the vaccination of 6<sup>th</sup> graders and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade high school students, i.e. **children and adolescents aged 12~17 years old, is safely processed.**

- The vaccination subjects [and their guardians] **will be informed** of the specificities of the vaccination process, **the curriculum operation plan for vaccination, and the educational and promotional data\*** provided by the Disease Control and Prevention Agency to ensure that there are no gaps or confusion in school education during the vaccination process.

\* Covid-19 Vaccination Manual, Post-Vaccination Manual on the potential side effects after vaccination and the appropriate countermeasures, etc.

- Since the vaccination of children and adolescents will be processed individually rather than in groups, **school classes** will be held as **usual** in accordance with **the recommended classroom density standards applied in each district relative to the level of individual distancing.**
  - From the **date of vaccination to 2 days thereafter, approved attendance** will be accounted (absence, late arrival, early departure, classroom nonattendance), and from the **date of vaccination to 3 days thereafter, a doctor's diagnosis** (doctor's note) can be **submitted for excused absence due to illness.**
  - In order to **minimize the disadvantages of the student in official assessments** such as midterms and final exams, **4 weeks of vaccination period** is provided to allow individuals to plan and proceed with their academic schedules, and **recognition points are also provided** in accordance with the attendance policy.
- ※ To enhance fairness and reliability of the assessment, it is recommended to make vaccination reservations outside the official assessment period.

◀ Summary of Curriculum Operation Plans Following  
Vaccination ▶

	Date of Vaccination	Day 1 after Vaccination	Day 2 after Vaccination	Day 3 after Vaccination~
<b>School</b>	school classes will be held as usual in accordance with the recommended classroom density standards relative to the level of individual distancing			
<b>Attendance</b>	Approved Attendance(absence, late arrival, early departure, classroom nonattendance)			Excused Absence Due to Illness
<b>Assessment</b>	Recognition Points Provided in Accordance with the Attendance Policy			
<b>Excuse Documents</b>	Vaccination Confirmation Report, Vaccination Report		Household Health Reports, Legal Guardian's Commentary, Teacher's Confirmation Report, etc.	Doctor's Diagnosis (Doctor's Note), etc.

※ During the official assessment period, a **doctor's diagnosis or doctor's note is required** even after day 1 or day 2 after vaccination. Submitted documents must be confirmed in order to approve attendance.

- Yu Eun Hye, the deputy prime minister and minister of education, stated that “this vaccination is proceeded by individual will, and therefore **there shall not be incidents of the schools forcing vaccination or providing disadvantages depending on vaccination status quo,**
- and the schools should **provide specific information** related to precautions with the vaccination, and the countermeasures when symptoms arise, and in addition, the schools should **continuously be wary of potential side effects that might arise in students while participating in school activities,** and if necessary, the students shall be immediately sent to appropriate medical institutions.”
- Yu Eun Hye further stated that, “at **home,** the parents should be watchful of any potential symptom that could arise in their vaccinated children, and if **symptoms continue to develop,** the children having such symptoms must be immediately **diagnosed by a doctor** according to the countermeasures provided by the Disease

Control and Prevention Agency. Furthermore, it is advised that **for about a week after the date of vaccination, intense exercise or activities should be prohibited.**

- 【Attachments】 1. Curriculum Operation Plan after Vaccination  
2. Q&A related to Covid-19 vaccination process of children and adolescents.



**Curriculum Operation Plan after Vaccination**

« Summary of Curriculum Operation Plans  
Following Vaccination »

	Date of Vaccination	Day 1 after Vaccination	Day 2 after Vaccination	Day 3 after Vaccination~
<b>School</b>	school classes will be held as usual in accordance with the recommended classroom density standards relative to the level of individual distancing			
<b>Attendance</b>	Approved Attendance(absence, late arrival, early departure, classroom nonattendance)			Excused Absence Due to Illness
<b>Assessment</b>	Recognition Points Provided in Accordance with the Attendance Policy			
<b>Excuse Documents</b>	Vaccination Confirmation Report, Vaccination Report		Household Health Reports, Legal Guardian's Commentary, Teacher's Confirmation Report, etc.	Doctor's Diagnosis (Doctor's Note), etc.

※ During the official assessment period, a **doctor's diagnosis or doctor's note is required** even after day 1 or day 2 after vaccination. Submitted documents must be confirmed in order to approve attendance.

- **(Curriculum Operation Plan)** School classes will be held as usual in accordance with the recommended classroom density standards relative to the level of individual distancing, since the vaccination will be processed **individually** rather than as a group.
  - The school shall announce the major academic agenda including official assessments for the students and parents willing to schedule for vaccination to take note.
- **(Attendance)** Attendance is approved on the date of vaccination and 1~2 days thereafter, and when the student shows signs of potential symptoms of side effects (diagnosis may not be submitted), **Excused absence due to illness is applied** when the symptoms persist for **over 3 days** and the student **submits appropriate documents such as a**

**doctor's diagnosis (doctor's note).**

- **Applicable to both offline and online classes, and the attendance is approved for a student having such symptoms who attends the online classes (only applicable if the class is registered having class units identical to offline class units or higher) if he/she wishes to do so within the semester.**

※ Students having no symptoms should attend both offline and online classes as usual.

◀ Detailed Description of Attendance Policy of  
Vaccinated Student ▶

- ▶ 1~3 days after vaccination include non-working days and holidays.

Ex) If the date of vaccination is Friday, Day 1 after vaccination is Saturday)

- ▶ If a student had reserved for vaccination, but could not show up on the date of vaccination due to unavoidable reasons, the reasons should be evidenced with appropriate documents and be submitted in order to approve for excused absence (if the reason is simply a change of mind, the absence is unexcused).
- ▶ During the official assessment period, a doctor's diagnosis or a doctor's note is required for confirmation even if the date of absence is day 1 ~ day 2 after the date of vaccination. After confirmation of such documents, the absence is applied as approved attendance as described herein.

- **(Assessment)** If the date of vaccination overlaps with the date of assessment, recognition points are provided in accordance with the provincial academic performance management guidelines and school academic performance management regulations.

※ To enhance fairness and reliability of the assessment, it is recommended to make vaccination reservations outside the official assessment period



**Q1. When is the reservation period?**

- For individuals born in **2004 ~ 2005**, reservation period lasts **from 20:00, 10. 5 (Tues)** to 18:00, 10. 29 (Fri), and for individuals born in **2006 ~ 2009**, reservation period lasts from **20:00, 10. 18 (Mon)** to 18:00, 11. 12 (Fri).

Reservation Period	Reservation Subjects
10. 5, 20:00 ~10. 29, 18:00	<b>16-17 years old</b> (born in '04.~'05.)
10. 18, 20:00 ~11. 12, 18:00	<b>12-15 years old</b> (born in '06.~'09.)

**Q2. How can we make reservations if using mobile phones or connecting to internet is difficult?**

- If having such difficulties, you may make **reservations (alternative reservations)** through calling **the call center (1339, local entity)**. You may consult with the local entity by calling them, and you can find out **their phone number** at the Covid-19 Vaccine and Vaccination Website (<https://ncv.kdca.go.kr>).
- The **legal guardian** may **alternatively make reservations** for their children, and may possibly make **reservations** (alternative reservation possible) through calling **the call center (1339, local entity)**.

**Q3. Can children and adolescents be processed with the remaining vaccines?**

- As with other groups, it is possible to vaccinate them with the remaining vaccines, but only **after 10. 18**, which is the officially announced vaccination period for the children and adolescents.
  - However, in order to use the SNS One Day Express Reservation Service, it is necessary for the student to possess a smartphone registered with his/her name. Student without such smartphone may not be able to make reservations for the remaining vaccines. In this case, the student may make reservations through the reserve list of medical institutions.
- The vaccine currently approved by Ministry of Food and Drug Safety for children and adolescents over 12 years old is Pfizer Vaccine, and thus the **remaining vaccine must only be Pfizer Vaccine.**

**Q4. If it is not possible to be vaccinated on the reserved date, how can we change the reservation?**

- In order to reschedule, you may change to another date through the **website and call center 2 days prior to the original date of vaccination.**
- In addition, **reservation ends about 2 weeks before the date of vaccination** in order to deliver the vaccines, thus **proceed with the reschedule to set up another date with plenty of time** before the planned date of vaccination.
- **One day prior to the original date of vaccination, contact the reserved medical institution to change to another possible date.**

**Q5. Is it possible to change the medical institution for the 1<sup>st</sup> vaccination?**

- In order to change the location, you may do so through the **website and call center 2 days prior to the original date of vaccination.**
- **Even if you already made reservations, you may still make reservations at the designated medical institution for the remaining vaccines, and if you make reservations for the remaining vaccines through the SNS One Day Express Reservation Service, the prior reservations will be automatically canceled.**