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Vaccinating Sri Lankan Students and foreign employment seekers with Pfizer vaccine as a requirement of issuance of visa / university admission

Even though most of the countries allow travellers who have got WHO recommended vaccines, some foreign universities/countries have requested students/employees to arrive with specific COVID-19 Vaccines.

Pfizer vaccine can be administered to the above categories on fulfilling the following criteria.

1. Pfizer vaccine will be given only for the recommended age groups mentioned by the Manufacturer and decided by Director General of Health Services
2. Pfizer vaccine for the students who have been offered a placement at Foreign Universities or persons offered a foreign employment, **can be given at any vaccination centre administering Pfizer vaccine.**
3. Students/foreign employment seekers should submit a proof from the University/employer/diplomatic mission regarding the requirement of administering Pfizer vaccine.

4. If already obtained a vaccine other than Pfizer and need to obtain Pfizer in a short period as a requirement for overseas travel for the above categories, first dose of Pfizer vaccine need to be given 4 weeks after the last dose of Sinopharm/AstraZeneca/Sputnik V/Moderna Vaccine. If there is sufficient time period before overseas travel, the first dose of Pfizer vaccine can be given after completion of 3 months of the last dose of the previous vaccine.
5. Second dose of Pfizer vaccine need to be given 4 weeks after the first dose of Pfizer vaccine.
6. Pfizer vaccine **should not be administered as the 1st dose** for persons 20 years and above who have not obtained vaccines Sinopharm/AztraZenica/Moderna/ Sputnik V during the community vaccination program.
7. Second dose of Pfizer vaccine can be administered for students 16 – 19 years seeking foreign university admission after 12 weeks of the first dose.
8. Vaccine certificate should be issued by the vaccination centre/MOH Office. In order to obtain the certificate on the day of the vaccination, should submit the Passport, National Identity Card and the Vaccine card (if vaccinated earlier).



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