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CIVIL AVIATION NOTICE (CAN)



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COVID-19 VACCINATION PROCEDURES FOR AVIATION PERSONNEL

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Government of Malaysia has obtained access to vaccine for Malaysian residents and established an immunisation programme. Information on the National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme is available from this link <https://www.vaksincovid.gov.my/>.

2 Precautionary Measures

- 2.1 CAAM will monitor the response from the vaccines and may adjust this policy when necessary to ensure aviation safety.
- 2.2 Crew members and air traffic controllers shall not participate in medical trial for COVID-19 vaccination program. Participation in medical trial is not considered compatible with aviation medical certification.
- 2.3 Declaration must be made by individuals with the following conditions:
- severe allergies;
 - pregnant and breast feeding;
 - COVID-19 positive cases; and
 - immune deficiency conditions.

3 Procedure for Vaccination

- 3.1 Eligibility and exclusion criteria for vaccination shall be as per vaccination guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.
- 3.2 The exemptions will be referred to the guidelines provided by the Ministry of Health.

4 Performing Duty After Vaccination

- 4.1 Aviation personnel may receive dosage of COVID-19 vaccines as approved by the Ministry of Health.
- 4.2 Crew members and air traffic controllers shall observe a 48-hour no-duty period after each dose.
- 4.3 Individuals receiving these vaccinations should monitor their response to these vaccines and report any adverse effects to the nearest government hospital or clinic.
- 4.4 It is reminded that aviation personnel are prohibited from performing their duties if adverse effects from vaccination cause them to be unable to perform their duties safely.

5 Vaccination Record

- 5.1 Vaccination records are to be kept by crew members to facilitate crew members passage for international duties.
- 5.2 The vaccination records are preferably maintained in:
 - a. an acceptable digital format, or
 - b. the WHO Vaccination Booklet, or
 - c. a certified record from Ministry of Health.

6 Covid-19 Guidelines

- 6.1 Refer to the COVID-19 Guidelines for the Aviation Industry issued by CAAM.

7 Operators Responsibility

- 7.1 Even though participation is voluntary, operators should encourage all eligible staff members to participate in the vaccination program.
- 7.2 All operators are still obliged to provide a safe working environment. This necessitates all operators to ensure that reasonable safety precautions are implemented to mitigate the risk of potential risk of transmission - practicing social distancing within the operations areas, temperature checks, compulsory use of face masks and frequent sanitization.

This CAN may be updated, as necessary, to accommodate the dynamic nature of the pandemic and also as new information on effectiveness and responses to the vaccines becomes available.



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