Fourth Vaccination(Booster) Guide for Foreign Nationals (60 years of age and above) in Korea

In a situation where the number of confirmed cases and deaths among the elderly is increasing due to the epidemic of Omicron mutation, in order to protect against death due to COVID-19 infection, we would like to inform that the fourth vaccination of COVID-19 will be conducted for foreign nationals aged 60 years old and above in Korea as follows.

■ Subject of Vaccination

- Among those aged 60 years old and above (born before December 31, 1962), 4 months (120 days) after completing the third dose in Korea or abroad, it is strongly recommended that elderly people aged 80 years old and above who are at a high risk must receive the fourth vaccination.
 - *Even if you have a history of COVID-19 infection before and after completing the 3rd vaccination, vaccination is possible if you desired.

■ Vaccine type, vaccination interval

- o mRNA vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna) and Novavax vaccine are available.
- Among those aged 60 years old and above, can receive the fourth vaccination, 4 months (120 days) past after the third vaccination.

However, patients who are subject to nursing hospitals and facilities (Including mental health promotion facilities) who are at risk of group of infection and those who reduced immunity who need to shorten the vaccination interval are available from 3 months (90 days) after the 3rd vaccination.

■ Schedule and Location

- Pre-booking can be made from April 18th, 2022 (Monday), and reservations vaccination is from April 25th, 2022 (Monday).
- Same-day vaccination can be given from April 14th, 2022 (Thursday) if there is residual vaccine in the consigned medical institution.
- Vaccinations can be received at any medical institution that administers COVID-19 vaccination regardless of whether or not have health insurance. However, if it is not possible to get vaccinated at a medical institution, it is possible to be receive vaccination at a public health center depend on the conditions of the local government.

■ How to make a reservation

- 1. Foreigners 60 years old and above who have completed the primary and tertiary vaccinations in Korea
 - 1) Registered foreign nationals: Reservations can be made online or by phone in the same way as for primary vaccination
 - ① Online Reservation: Access the COVID-19 vaccination advance reservation system (https://ncvr.kdca.go.kr) and make a reservation for yourself or a proxy.
 - ② Phone reservation: KCDC(Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) call center (@1339) or local government call centers.
 - ③ Same-day vaccination: On-day vaccination is after registering the preliminary list on the medical institution (confirmation by phone).
 - * Residual vaccine reservation is possible through SNS
- 2) Unregistered foreign nationals (including undocumented immigrants): Make a reservation by phone or by visiting a vaccination institution (medical institution or public health center) by using the temporary management number issued by the public health center during the primary or third vaccination.
- * When issuing a temporary management number, it is not required to present an ID such as a passport or alien registration card.
- 2. Foreign nationals aged 60 years old and above who have completed the primary and third vaccinations abroad (including foreigners with short stays of less than 90 days)
 - Make a reservation by visiting a nearby public health center with your ID card, obtaining a temporary management number, registering your overseas vaccination history, and then make a reservation by phone or through personal visit of a vaccination institution(medical institution or public health center).

Reference

- Identity information is used only for vaccination purposes, illegal stay, etc. will not be notified to the immigration offices under the exemption system for notification obligations.
- For further details, please refer to the COVID-19 vaccination website(https://ncv.kdca.go.kr) of Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (KCDC) for COVID-19.