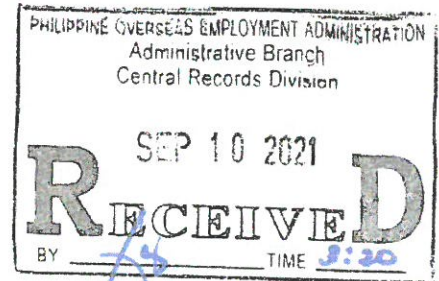




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### COVID-19 Vaccinations for Eligible Groups of Foreign Sea Crew in Singapore

The public is hereby informed that Singapore, through Senior Minister of State for Transport Chee Hong Tat, announced that the country will be rolling out the Sea Crew Vaccination Initiative or SEAVAX to allow eligible groups of non-resident foreign sea crew to be vaccinated.

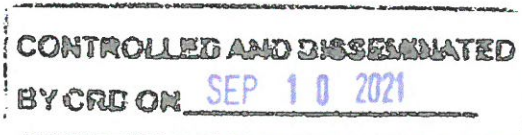
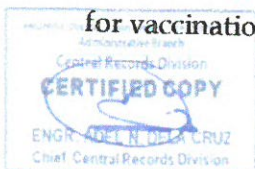
As a major transshipment and bunkering hub in one of the world's major shipping lanes, the vaccination initiative is part of Singapore's overall plan to strengthen the resilience of the community against COVID-19 and activities in its port waters against the pandemic. Vaccinating sea crew is seen to provide an additional layer of protection for onshore workers and passengers who may interact with them.

Under the new SEAVAX initiative, eligible groups of non-resident foreign sea crew will be offered COVID-19 vaccination on a voluntary basis from 30 August 2021. These include:

- Sea crew in Singapore with stays of more than 30 days, who work on board homeported cruise ships, ships under repair in shipyards, and yachts at marinas used for events, cruises and private charter.
- Sea crew who work on board fishing vessels, ship supply vessels and regional ferries which enter and leave Singapore waters at least once a month. Such crew provides essential services such as provision of ship supplies, transportation of food and raw materials, as well as ferrying passengers.


The Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines will be offered to eligible foreign sea crew, subject to availability. They can receive their vaccinations at designated sites that will be set up close to them. Companies or individuals should be prepared to pay for the vaccination services.

Over the next few weeks, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB), the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) and Singapore Tourism Board (STB) will reach out to the companies involved to schedule the vaccinations. There will be strict enforcement to ensure that only eligible sea crew are scheduled for vaccination.



Companies with eligible foreign sea crew who have not been informed by their respective agencies by 30 September may request for vaccination by sending supporting documentation to the agencies. For yachts, ship supply vessels and regional ferries, companies can contact MPA at [vaccinate@mpa.gov.sg](mailto:vaccinate@mpa.gov.sg) and for fishing vessels, companies can contact SFA at [SFA\\_FET@sfa.gov.sg](mailto:SFA_FET@sfa.gov.sg).

For the information and guidance of all concerned.



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