

# Canadian International School of Hong Kong

## Head of School

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Dear CDNIS Community,

I write to share the good news that we will be able to resume full day, face-to-face classes for all students starting Monday, August 16! Updated details about schedules, lunches and transportation will be sent to you early next week. I urge you to complete the required [Health and Travel forms](#) promptly if you have not yet done so.

After the initial letter from the EDB which I shared with you a few days ago, international schools received further guidance that gave us a grace period, emphasizing the need to use this grace period to achieve the minimum required 70% full vaccination levels for all staff and all students aged 12 years or above. For a limited period of time, until September 30, we will be permitted to adopt the same class arrangements that were in place before the summer, while we work to achieve the required vaccination levels. The EDB is now actively requiring all schools to provide vaccination statistics as these would be taken into account when negotiating for continued full class resumption after September 30.

I'd like to thank all the Upper School parents who promptly submitted responses to the student vaccination survey. 48% of responding students are currently fully vaccinated, with many more part way through the process. If your eligible child is not yet vaccinated, please take action to make an appointment to do so as soon as possible as there is now a significant waiting period.

We are fortunate to have a highly qualified medical practitioner in our community, Dr Agnes Leung, who has graciously volunteered to conduct a **Zoom webinar on COVID-19 vaccinations for adolescents on Wednesday, August 11 from 5pm-5:45pm**. You are invited to [sign up and submit your questions here](#). You'll receive a Zoom link ahead of time. Dr Leung, an EY2 parent, writes:

*"I am a Paediatric Specialist, and also a College-accredited Specialist in Paediatric Immunology Allergy and Infectious diseases. I currently work in the Prince of Wales hospital in Shatin, which is a University hospital that receives territory-wide referrals.*

*In the beginning of the year when COVID-19 vaccines first became available and anaphylaxis episodes associated with mRNA vaccination were reported, I was involved in the working group within the World Allergy Organization in producing a consensus statement on the COVID-19 vaccine associated anaphylaxis (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7857113/>). It is an international recommendation triaging patients into different risk categories and provide a guideline for frontline physicians in the management of these at-risk patients.*

*When vaccines became available in Hong Kong, I was the steering committee member within the Hong Kong Institute of Allergy, the largest professional allergy institution in Hong Kong, that produced a consensus statement on approach to COVID-19 vaccine allergy safety in Hong Kong (<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/falgy.2021.690837/full>). The current guidelines that DH/ CVC adopted were based on this set of consensus statements issued by us.*

*A few months ago, when international data on vaccine efficacy and safety from adolescents receiving mRNA vaccination were released, I was involved in the Paediatric workgroup that produced the joint position statement on BioNTech vaccination in adolescent with allergic diseases ([http://www.paediatrician.org.hk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=436&Itemid=144](http://www.paediatrician.org.hk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=436&Itemid=144)). Following that, I have participated in a webinar series to promote BioNtech vaccination in adolescents".*

We are aware that several families may have been caught unaware by the changes to quarantine arrangements for families returning from Mainland China, and that your child may not be able to attend school in person on August 16. If you are in this situation, please inform your child's Principal so we can plan accordingly.

Whether you are overseas, in transit, in quarantine, or at home in Hong Kong, please enjoy the weekend and the week ahead.

Warm regards,  
祝平安喜樂!



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