

# A Guide to the New COVID-19 Booster this winter for Foreigners staying in the Republic of Korea

Please receive this new COVID-19 booster that provides vulnerable individuals with better protection against severe illness and deaths over the winter.

## First Eligible Group

Among those aged 18 and older who completed their primary vaccination series,

- ① those with weakened immune systems,
- ② those aged 60 and older,
- ③ residents in nursing homes or care settings and vulnerable facilities.

## Dosing Interval

The eligible individuals should have this booster shot **at least 4 months (120 days)** after the last dose of vaccine or confirmation of COVID-19 infection (whichever is later).

## Vaccine Type

### BA.1 based bivalent vaccine (mRNA vaccine)

※ Note: Those who should not receive and are delaying or refusing to receive mRNA vaccines may be offered Novavax or Skycovione vaccines, which are recombinant COVID-19 vaccines.

## Vaccine Appointment

- ① **Registered foreigners:** Online, phone and same-day appointments available

※ Bookings began on September 27.

This booster shot started being administered on October 11 (same-day appointments available).

- ② **Unregistered foreigners:** Make an appointment by calling or visiting a vaccination site with a temporary management number issued from a public health center
- ③ **Foreigners who completed their primary series outside of Korea:** Make an appointment after registering their vaccination record at a public health center

## ※ Note

- Adults aged 18 and older who completed their primary vaccination series can be offered leftover shots.
- **Online appointment booking website:** <https://ncvr.kdca.go.kr>
- **Phone appointment:** KDCA Call center at ☎1339 or the local government call center
- **Same-day appointment:** Booking online through SNS, incl. KAKAOTALK and NAVER or by calling directly medical facilities