Singapore setting up multiple COVID-19 vaccination centres

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To support COVID-19 vaccination efforts, the Singapore government is setting up four COVID-19 vaccination centres this month, starting with two – located at Changi Airport Terminal 4 and Raffles City Convention Centre, which have started operations from 13 January 2021.

Two more vaccination centres, located at the former Hong Kah Secondary School and Woodlands Galaxy Community Centre, will be ready for operations next week. The team is on track to have another four vaccination centres by the end of February. More centers across the island are being planned and will be rolled out in tandem with the arrival of the vaccine shipments. These centres, together with the polyclinics and selected Public Health Preparedness Clinics, will ensure that every Singaporean and long-term resident in Singapore who is medically eligible can receive their vaccinations conveniently.

Singapore is making provision for all Singaporeans and long-term residents in Singapore to be able to get vaccinated by the third quarter of this year, if there are no unforeseen disruptions to vaccine shipments

Vaccinating healthcare and frontline workers

The country has started its national vaccination programme with healthcare and frontline workers across all public and private healthcare institutions. Vaccinations are also being rolled out for workers and staff in the community care sector. Vaccination has also been initiated for other essential frontline workers like border entry points, i.e. airports and sea ports, as well as those involved in the COVID-19 response, such as swabbers and those working in the quarantine and community care facilities.

As of 12 January 2021, more than 6,200 individuals have received their first dose of the vaccine. These numbers are expected to rise substantially in the coming weeks as Singapore continues to ramp up our vaccination operations. On 12 January alone, the country vaccinated close to 2,800 individuals, including around 2,500 healthcare workers.

Vaccinating seniors

Vaccination of seniors will commence later this month. Letters will be progressively sent to seniors to invite them to book an appointment for their vaccination. Residents and clients in the community care sector will also progressively be vaccinated.

Even though the country is progressively vaccinating it's population, authorities have sent out an alert message to keep in mind that vaccination is not a silver bullet and to mandatorily continue to adhere to the safe management measures in order to mitigate the spread and keep community transmission low.