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**CHANCERY NOTICE**

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPENING RELIGIOUS PREMISES (AMENDED)**

The Chancery Notice announced on 4 May 2022 is hereby amended as follows—

As the pandemic situation is gradually under control, the Government announced on May 3 a further relaxation of its “Social-Distancing” rules. Accordingly, with effect from May 5 and until further notice —

- (1) religious premises (i.e., churches, chapels and Mass centres) can remain open in compliance with anti-pandemic precautions;
- (2) the Diocesan Pastoral Guidelines on the Resumption of Public Masses and Group Gatherings as announced in the Chancery Notice dated 20 April 2022 remain valid.

Now that Stage Two (April 30 – May 30, 2022) of the “Vaccine Pass” Scheme has become effective, the following persons may enter or remain in religious premises —

- (A) Persons aged 18 or above who have received the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccine;
- (B) Persons aged 12 to 17 who —
  - i. have received the 1<sup>st</sup> dose of vaccine not more than 6 months ago; **OR**
  - ii. have received the 1<sup>st</sup> dose of vaccine more than 6 months ago, but have already received the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.

Other provisions regarding the *Vaccines Pass Scheme* can be found at the Government website on “Dosage Schedule for Vaccine Pass” ([https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/vp\\_t1\\_ENG.pdf](https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/vp_t1_ENG.pdf)), items (C1), (C2) and (C3), and related footnotes.

Persons aged under 12 and holders of the COVID-19 Vaccination Medical Exemption Certificate are exempted from the above requirements (A) and (B).

Given at the Chancery Office,  
6 May 2022.



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