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**PHARMANIAGA ENSURES SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF
SINOVAC COVID-19 VACCINE FOR CHILDREN,
ADOLESCENTS AND BOOSTER FOR ADULTS AT PRIVATE
HOSPITALS AND CLINICS**

SHAH ALAM, 11 NOV 2022 – As Malaysia experiences a rise in COVID-19 cases recently, Pharmaniaga Berhad (Pharmaniaga) is proactively working to ensure sufficient supply of Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine for children and adolescents as well as additional boosters for adults at several private hospitals and clinics across the country.

Pharmaniaga Berhad (Pharmaniaga) Group Managing Director Datuk Zulkarnain Md Eusope said the Group acknowledges the increasing concern on the rise in the number of COVID-19 cases in the past week and encourages the public to take preventive measures by taking booster dose for adults aged 18 and above and for vaccination of children and adolescents aged five to seventeen years.

“As of October 2022, only 49% of Malaysians have received their COVID-19 vaccine booster dose. To ensure Malaysians get optimum protection from the virus, Pharmaniaga is collaborating with MiCare, a healthcare service provider in Malaysia, to supply the Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine to the public at 50 selected private hospitals and clinics.

"Sinovac vaccine is an inactivated COVID-19 vaccine administered by intramuscular injection. Each dose (0.5mL) contains 600 SU (equivalent to 3µg) of inactivated SARS-CoV-2 antigen which is same for both adult as well as children and adolescent's immunisation. The vaccine is developed using well-established virus inactivation technology and is also being used in many types of commonly used vaccine in the market, including for polio, Hepatitis A and rabies," he said.

A recent study by Institute for Medical Research (IMR) Malaysia published in August 2022, shows that though three doses of mRNA vaccine have better protection, but booster dose of Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine provides similar protection against symptomatic COVID-19 disease compared to booster dose of mRNA vaccine in subjects who had received primary vaccination with Sinovac vaccine.

Other than that, Datuk Zulkarnain urges the public to always wash their hands and wear facemasks, that although it is still voluntary but now highly encouraged, especially in closed and crowded areas.



For more inquiries to obtain Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine for children and adolescents as well as adults, please email contactcentre@pharmaniaga.com or call **1 800 888 313** for more information on your nearest General Practitioners (GPs) in your area.

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