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**To: All Doctors, Nurses, and Health Care Workers providing vaccination services at Governmental and Private Hospitals and Clinics.**

### **Subject: Inactivated COVID-19 Vaccine (Sinopharm)**

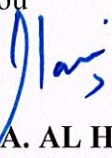
In view of the current situation of the spread of COVID-19 disease worldwide as an acute viral infection that spreads from person to person, especially in the crowded areas. The infection can affect any age groups; however, it can cause severe disease, hospitalization and even death in high-risk populations.

Accordingly, inactivated COVID-19 vaccination manufactured by Sinopharm company is recommended to be given to adult 18 years of age or more to provide protection against SARS – COV 2 disease complications and minimize the spread of infection to others. The vaccine is approved by National Health Regulatory Authority based on preliminary quality, safety, and efficacy review of the data.

Kindly ensure protection of all population as per the attached guideline provided no contraindications.

For further information refer to the vaccine leaflet or contact the Disease Control Section at Public Health Directorate on 17288888/ Ext: 2296/ 2141/ 2143/ 2145 or call the immunization hot line on **38817484** between 7:00 am - 10:00 pm or send an email to: [immunization@health.gov.bh](mailto:immunization@health.gov.bh).

Thanking you

  
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### **GUIDELINES FOR INACTIVATED COVID-19 VACCINATION**

The inactivated COVID-19 vaccine is inactivated vaccine manufactured by Sinopharm company that provides good protection against the SARS COV-2. Accordingly, the vaccine can be administered to adult at age of 18 years and above provided no contraindication for vaccination. The vaccine is recommended in two doses separated by 21 days.

#### ***Doses and administration:***

- ▶ Two doses administered intramuscularly in the deltoid muscle.
- ▶ The minimum interval between the two doses is 21 days.
- ▶ The vaccine can be ordered from ISEHA-system by choosing the vaccine” ***Inactivated SARS-COV2***”

#### ***Contraindications and cautions for vaccination:***

- ▶ Severe allergic reaction to vaccine components including allergy to bovine serum.
- ▶ Previous severe allergic reaction to vaccination (acute allergic reaction, dyspnea, angioneurotic edema).
- ▶ Pregnant and lactating women.
- ▶ Cancer patient currently on chemotherapy (*treated cancer patient after 6 months of completion of chemotherapy can receive the vaccine*).

***\* Women at childbearing age should use any contraception method after the second dose of vaccination for a minimum interval of 3months.***