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Public Awareness Campaign to Combat Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Gatherings increase the risk of COVID-19 infection



Saudi to make COVID-19 vaccinations mandatory for all workers



Reuters

All public and private sector workers wishing to attend a workplace in Saudi Arabia will be required to have taken a COVID-19 vaccination, the human resources ministry said yesterday without specifying when this would be implemented.

"Receiving a coronavirus vaccine will be a mandatory condition for male and female workers to attend workplaces in all sectors (public, private, non-profit)," the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development said on Twitter.

It urged workplaces to start preparations to ensure all employees receive a vaccination.

"The ministry will soon clarify the mechanisms of the decision and its implementation date," it said.

Saudi Arabia announces holding talks with Iran

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Heralding a possible thaw in regional tensions, a Saudi foreign ministry official yesterday admitted holding talks with Iran. He, however, added that it was too early to judge the outcome, and Riyadh wanted to see "verifiable deeds".

The comments by Ambassador Rayed Krimly, head of policy planning at the ministry, were the first public confirmation from Riyadh that they were holding direct talks.

"As to current Saudi-Iranian talks, they aim to explore ways to reduce tensions in the region," Krimly said.

"We hope they prove suc-

cessful, but it is too early and premature to reach any definitive conclusions. Our evaluation will be based on verifiable deeds and not proclamations."

Reports claim the discussions were on Yemen and the 2015 nuclear deal between global powers and Iran.

Iraq's president said on Wednesday that Baghdad hosted more than one round of talks between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Krimly said Saudi policy had been explained "very clearly" by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. He said last month that while the kingdom has a problem with Tehran's "negative behaviour", it wanted good relations with Iran.



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Individuals vaccinated

(First dose)

7 8 0 8 9 4

(Second dose)

5 6 6 1 6 8

Booster dose coming

Bahrain announces booster shot for two-dose vaccine

● The type of vaccine may be changed in the third dose according to recommendations

● Registration for the third dose will be available via the "BeAware" Bahrain app

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Bahrain is to take a major leap forward in protecting citizens and residents against the deadly pandemic by providing a third dose or booster vaccine six months after administering the second.

The National Medical Team for combating the Coronavirus pandemic confirmed Bahrain is moving to a new stage in the COVID-19 battle after the successful national vaccination campaign.

Officials said the third dose is to preserve the health and safety

The Third Dose

High-risk people, including those aged 60 years and above, those who are obese, and those suffering from immunodeficiency diseases, are selected for receiving the booster dose, in addition to front-line medical workers.

The rest of the citizens and residents will receive their third booster dose



6 months after the 2nd dose

12 months after the 2nd dose

ceiving the booster dose at first, in addition to front-line medical workers.

For the rest of the citizens and residents, a booster dose is scheduled 12 months after receiving the second dose.

The National Medical Team also said that the type of vaccine may be changed in the third dose or kept the same according to recommendations to be issued later.

Officials also called on all recovered persons who had not received their vaccination to get inoculated three months after recovery.

"This is to ensure that they have necessary immunity to help the body fight the virus."

Registration for the third dose will be available through the "BeAware" Bahrain app at specified times according to the medical protocol established for this matter.

The National Medical Team also called on all to adhere strictly to COVID-19 protocols and get inoculated to help the kingdom tackle the deadly outbreak.

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