

Booster for all above 18 years

● Six months to receive a booster for Pfizer-BioNTech, AstraZeneca (Covishield), or Sputnik V jabs

● Three months to receive a booster for Sinopharm vaccinated individual

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Those above 18 years of age and completed six months after vaccination using Pfizer-BioNTech, AstraZeneca (Covishield), or Sputnik V are good to receive a booster shot. However, those aged between 18 and 39 and completed three months after receiving the second dose of Sinopharm will receive a booster after three months.

The National Medical Taskforce for Combatting the Coronavirus (COVID-19) announced these decisions following approval by the Government Executive Committee chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa,

Approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech booster shot for those aged 18 years and above

who have received a second vaccine shot at least 6 months ago of:



Eligible individuals could opt for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, or the same vaccine they have received for their first and second doses, as a booster shot.

The Taskforce further announced:

The approval of a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for individuals who have recovered from COVID-19, and have obtained one dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. Individuals who have recovered from the COVID-19, can receive a vaccine three months from the date of infection, and a booster shot 12 months from the date of infection.

An update to the booster shots: Those aged 18 to 39 can take a booster shot 3 months after the second dose

the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. Booster shots can be either the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine or the same vaccine used for first and second doses.

The Taskforce also approved a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 and have obtained one dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

Booster shot for recovered

Those who recovered from the COVID-19 are eligible to receive a vaccine three months from the date of infection and a booster dose 12 months after infection.

Vaccination protocols follow Bahrain's comprehensive efforts to combat COVID-19 and protect public health.

Taskforce officials earlier announced that 75% of eligible individuals aged 40 years and above in the Kingdom had their booster doses.

Bahrain is also vaccinating children between 3 and 11 years suffering from comorbidities and low immunity using the Sinopharm vaccine.

Sinopharm and Pfizer-BioNTech jabs are available for children from 12 to 17 years.

To register for a vaccine or booster shot, visit the BeAware application or the Ministry of Health's website on healthalert.gov.bh.



Bahrain's Ambassador to London, Shaikh Fawaz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, yesterday met the Minister of State for the Middle East and North Africa at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, James Cleverly, to discuss topics of common interest. Cleverly praised the supportive role played by Bahrain in the evacuation operations from Afghanistan and affirmed ties, especially in the security and defence areas. The two sides also discussed preparations for the British-Bahraini joint working group scheduled to be in London in November 2021

The Rotary Club of Adliya weekly 1-hour virtual training project



The Rotary Club of Adliya announced starting a free weekly 1-hour virtual training project. Four courses have been delivered so far. Out of the 287 members registered, 158 attended. The courses held were on "Communicate to Lead" by Amal Kooheji (RCA), "Unleash your Potential" by former President Fareed Bader and "The Art of Listening" by former President Marjan Modara, both of the Rotary Club of Manama, and "Stress Management" by Salah Abudrees. The club plans to conduct 12 courses. The project started off during the Rotary Education Month of September.

Coast Guard rescues two near Budaiya coast



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Bahrain's Coast Guard patrol officers yesterday rescued two people from drowning near the Budaiya coast.

Coast Guard statement said they rescued two people after they were swept away in strong water currents while swimming near Budaiya beach.

The men were aged 51 and 56 years.

National Ambulance Team confirmed that the victims are safe.

iGA to reopen Muharraq ID Card service centre on Sunday

● Working hours are 7:30 am to 2 pm from Sunday to Thursday

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The Information & eGovernment Authority ID Card Service Centre in Muharraq Seef Mall will reopen on Sunday.

Working hours are 7:30 am to 2 pm from Sunday to Thursday, the iGA said.

All identity card services the Muharraq branch offers are also available via the National Portal, bahrain. bh.

Citizens and residents who prefer to visit the service centre should book an appointment via the portal Bahrain. bh to avoid waiting and ensure their transactions are completed timely.

All beneficiaries are advised to abide by social distancing



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instructions to support public health measures, the iGA said.

iGA also invites beneficiaries to submit suggestions and feedback by scanning QR codes displayed throughout the Center using the Tawasul app.

The Muharraq ID Card Service centre offers locals and expats (those not registered at

Labor Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) a host of services, including ID card issuance and renewals, replacement of lost or damaged ID cards, chip updates, and fast track services.

Customers also can update their ID card chip details via the kiosk located at the centre.

Korea movie nights

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The Korean Embassy in Bahrain announced hosting Korea Movie Nights starting 5th October 2021.

The festival, Haekwan Chung, the Ambassador of Korea to Bahrain, said, will screen three movies.

The festival opens with "The Great Battle" (15+) at 19:00 at Cineco Cinema, Oasis Mall, Juffair. The movie directed by



Kim Kwang-Sik tells the tale of the Tang Dynasty's emperor Li.

Comedy Drama "Start-Up" (pg15) screening on 6th October and Family drama "Stand By Me" (pg13) on 7th October are two movies.

Entry is for those who are vaccinated and recovered from COVID-19 infection.

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IMAC Bahrain Media City declares social service and Business Excellence awards

● Declares awards for Social Service & Business Excellence

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IMAC Bahrain Media City will mark its first anniversary with an award ceremony tomorrow at 6.30 pm.

Dr Abdul Hussain bin Ali Mirza, the head of Sustainable Energy Authority, will be the chief guest, said Chairman & Managing Director Francis Kaitharath during a press conference held at IMAC Bahrain



Dr Abdul Hussain bin Ali Mirza

Media City premises. BMC Business Excellence Award will be presented to this year's Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award winner KG Baburajan. BMC Social Service Excellence Award goes to Iman Qasim Mohammed, a Bahraini social



Iman Qasim Mohammed. Winner of BMC Social Service Excellence Award

activist who provides humanitarian support to expatriates at Salmaniya Hospital.

The Cooperative Minister of Kerala, M V Govindan Master, will inaugurate the event. Renowned Indian novelist George



KG Baburajan. Winner of BMC Business Excellence Award

Onakkoor, Cochin Kalabhavan General Secretary KS Prasad, Amity University Advisory Board Member Dr A. Madhavan, Music Director Raju Rajan Piravom and other eminent personalities from various so-



Officials during a press conference

cio-cultural fields from Bahrain will address the gathering.

Performances of Kerala's traditional art forms such as Ottamthullal, Chakyarkoothu, Thiruvathira and Ganamela will mark the end of BMC Sravana Mahotsavam 2021.

At the press conference held at Bahrain Media City, Chairman Francis Kaitharath, Media and Admin Head Praveen Krishna and Sravana Mahotsavam major sponsor UNECO CEO Jayashankar Viswanathan were present.