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## Singapore offers COVID-19 vaccines to foreign seafarers

Eligible groups of non-resident foreign sea crew, including Filipino seafarers have the option to be vaccinated in Singapore as its government rolled out the Sea Crew Vaccination Initiative or SEAVAX.

The said vaccination initiative aims to provide an additional layer of protection for onshore workers and passengers in the port areas of Singapore, which is a major transshipment and bunkering hub in the world.

Starting August 30, 2021, COVID-19 vaccines will be offered to eligible groups of non-resident sea crew, which include sea crew in Singapore with stays of more than 30 days, who work onboard homeported cruise ships, ships under repair in shipyards, and yachts at marinas used for events, cruises, and private charter.

Also, sea crew who work onboard fishing vessels, ship supply vessels, and regional ferries which enter and leave Singaporean waters at least once a month are eligible under the said vaccination initiative.

Vaccines that will be offered to eligible sea crew are Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines, subject to availability. Sea crew can receive their vaccines at designated sites that will be set up close to them, while companies or individuals should be prepared to pay for the vaccination services.

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, the Singapore Economic Development Board, the Singapore Food Agency, and Singapore Tourism Board will reach out to the companies involved for the schedule of vaccinations. ###