

Booster dose for more

● **Booster extended for those who took Pfizer, AstraZeneca shots**

● **Those aged 60 and above eligible**

● **Starting from 1 October 2021, vaccination status of individuals eligible for a booster shot will change on the BeAware Bahrain app**

● **Appointment through healthalert.gov.bh or the BeAware Bahrain app**

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Bahrain's new decision opens up the booster vaccination registration to those completed at least six months after taking both doses of Pfizer-BioNTech and AstraZeneca (Covishield) vaccines.

Eligible groups, the Health Ministry says, are those 60 years and above and suffering from immunodeficiency diseases.

The ministry also said that those who qualify for the booster dose could take the Pfizer-Bio-

ontech vaccine or the same vaccine used for first and second jabs as a booster dose.

Starting 1 October 2021, all those eligible for booster doses will have their shield on the BeAware app turned yellow automatically.

It will return to green only after receiving the booster shot.

Registration is available both on the BeAware Application and the website healthalert.gov.bh.

Earlier, booster doses were available to those, who are 40

years and older, and took both doses of the Sinopharm vaccine.

The National Taskforce, at that time, said their goal is to administer booster shots to 95,000 individuals aged 40 and above to reach a target of 80%.

The Taskforce, on Tuesday, also revealed that 75% of eligible

Registration for the Booster Dose

BeAware Application

Or the Ministry of Health's website healthalert.gov.bh

individuals aged 40 years and above had received a booster dose.

Bahrain, the Taskforce statement had said, will re-adopt its green alert level into its COVID-19 alert system modelled on the traffic light system from the 3rd of next month.

The Ministry of Health:

Registration is now open for the booster vaccination for those who have been fully vaccinated for at least six months with

- Pfizer-BioNTech
- AstraZeneca (Covishield)

Eligible groups:

- those aged 60 and above
- and the immunocompromised

Those who qualify for the booster dose can choose to take the Pfizer-Biontech vaccination or the same type of vaccination taken for their first and second doses.

Vaccinated with Sputnik V?

Taskforce welcomes you for a booster dose trial

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Those who completed six months after taking two doses of the Sputnik V vaccine are welcome to participate in a trial to receive booster shots.

The trial by The National Medical Taskforce for Combating the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is for determining the effectiveness of booster shots for individuals fully vaccinated with Sputnik V jabs.

Those participating in the trial can opt to receive a Pfizer-BioNTech or Sputnik V vaccine as a booster shot.

If interested, register for the trial through healthalert.gov.bh or the BeAware Bahrain application.

Sputnik V, AstraZeneca cocktail!

According to reports, a clinical study conducted in Azerbaijan has returned high immunogenicity profile for a combination of AstraZeneca and the first component of Sputnik V vaccine (Sputnik Light).

The Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF), Russia's



sovereign wealth fund, AstraZeneca and R-Pharm have announced the preliminary results.

To date, 64 volunteers are vaccinated with the combination vaccine, and further enrollment of volunteers is still on. Preliminary data from the first 20 participants have shown antibodies to the SARS-CoV-2 virus spike protein (S-protein) elicited in 100% of the cases, reports say.

The RDIF statement said the interim analysis of the data had previously demonstrated a high safety profile for the combined use of the vaccines with no serious adverse events or cases of coronavirus infection after vaccination. Clinical trials of a combination of vaccines are now being carried out in several countries as part of a global programme.

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Bahrain to open embassy in Israel soon: Israeli official tells Anadolu Agency

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Bahrain will soon establish an embassy in Tel Aviv, Anadolu Agency yesterday quoted a top Israeli official as saying.

The report quoting Hassan Kaabia, the Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesperson, said, "Soon, Bahrain will open an embassy in Tel Aviv, and Morocco will raise the level of representation from a liaison office to an embassy."

He also told the agency that they are to sign similar agreements with other Arab countries.

Kaabia also claimed that an important part of his country's

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FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESPERSON
HASSAN KAABIA

agreements with Bahrain and the UAE rests on relations between the peoples. "We're talking about a new model, which

differs even from peace with Jordan and Egypt, as in a large part it focuses on relations between peoples, not just governments," he said.

There, however, is no official confirmation from Bahrain on opening its embassy in Tel Aviv.

Bahrain, in June this year, appointed its first ambassador to Israel. Bahrain and Israel normalised ties following a deal signed last year in September. The other Arab states to join the accords were the United Arab Emirates, Sudan and Morocco.

Bahrain also named Khaled Yousef al-Jalahmah as envoy to the State of Israel.

Qatar violating rights of Al Murra members: BJS

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Bahrain Jurists Society, an organisation with consultative status at the United Nations, yesterday denounced Qatar for preventing the service of lawyers to the members of the Al-Murra tribe.

"Qatar should stop discriminating between its citizens and provide those they have detained their rightful access to lawyers," said the Society.

The Society observed that Qatar had silenced and arrested them without providing any constitutional rights and contradicting international human rights law.



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Reports had said that the kingdom is stripping the semi-nomadic Al-Murra tribes of their citizenships and their rights.

"Surprisingly, political rights are only for citizens in Qatar and banning Al Murra tribe rep-

resents an implicit withdrawal of their citizenship," the Society said.

The Jurists Society also said it is shocking and startling to know that the arrests were for peaceful demands to restore their rights.