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Dear Fellows and Trainees,

The Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine (HKCEM) encourages all its Fellows and Trainees to be vaccinated against COVID-19, unless medically contraindicated.

Hong Kong citizens have been fighting against the deadly COVID-19 pandemic since early 2020. With our applaudable self-discipline and compliance with public health measures, our daily lives have returned to some semblance of normalcy. However, we must not get complacent, and we have to remain vigilant in light of the emerging Variants of Concern and potential fifth wave of local COVID-19 outbreak. Vaccination is a crucial public health measure for controlling the spread of SARS-CoV-2 virus and mitigating the impacts of the pandemic.

As Emergency Physicians, we have ethical and professional obligations to safeguard the health of the public, and help bringing the pandemic to a close. Frontline Emergency Physicians can protect ourselves, our beloved family members, our patients and the community against COVID-19 by receiving vaccination. In addition, we are at a favourable position to help our community overcome unwarranted apprehensions about the vaccination by acting as role models and receiving vaccination against COVID-19.

A community with more people vaccinated against COVID-19 will lead to fewer serious infections, hospitalisations, and deaths. Vaccination, in our view, is undeniably the key for our community to return to normalcy.

The HKCEM welcomes questions and dialogue on evidence-based information about the COVID-19 vaccination. Please feel free to contact our Secretariat at 28718877, or send us your questions and concerns via email at enquiry@hkcem.org.hk. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

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