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Covid-19 Vaccine

Some Helpful Information

Introduction



We have all faced challenges due to the COVID-19 virus. The Scottish Government are acting as fast as possible to try to stop the virus from spreading, the new virus is more infectious than the one we saw last year.



There is a plan, to vaccinate everyone over the age of 18 and those aged 16 and 17 who are frontline health and social care workers, young carers or have underlying health conditions in Scotland.

Some people are confused or worried about getting the Covid-19 vaccine. So, In Control Scotland have pulled together some information, which we hope you may find helpful.

The information comes from the Scottish Government website on 12th January 2021. This information may change or be updated at any time.



Weekly updates are published by Public Health Scotland providing more information about the vaccine. You can find this information at:

<https://www.publichealthscotland.scot/our-areas-of-work/covid-19/covid-19-vaccinations/>



HM Government

COVID-19 VACCINE PRIORITISATION

1. Residents in a care home for older adults, and their carers
2. Over 80s, frontline health and care staff
3. Over 75s
4. Over 70s, and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals
5. Over 65s
6. Under 65s with underlying health conditions
7. Over 60s
8. Over 55s
9. Over 50s

Who will be offered the Covid-19 (coronavirus) vaccine?



Every adult in Scotland. Your local NHS health board will be in touch with you to arrange your vaccination appointment to let you know when.



It is important not to contact your GP practice for a vaccination before then.

Who will be offered the vaccine first?

Adults at most risk will be vaccinated first. These are:



- residents in a care home for older adults and their carers (people who look after them).
- people aged 80 and over.
- frontline health and social care workers.



Vaccination for other groups will begin as soon as more vaccine is available.

After these groups, all other adults will be able to get the vaccine.

People at Most Risk.....



People aged 50 years of age or over are most at risk, and the risk increases with age.



Older adults living in care homes are at greater risk because large groups of vulnerable people are living together, in surroundings where the virus can spread quickly



Frontline healthcare and social care workers are also at risk as they may be exposed to infection.

The advice on the order of priority for the coronavirus vaccination is:



Priority 1

Residents in care homes for older adults and the people who care for them. First dose of vaccine expected to be given by 5th February 2021.



Priority 2

People 80 years old and over as well as frontline health and social care workers. First dose of vaccine expected to be given by 5th February 2021.



Priority 3

People 75 years of age and over. First dose of vaccine expected to be given by mid-February 2021.



Priority 4

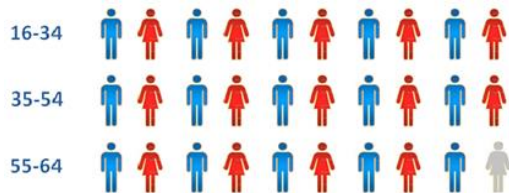
People 70 years of age and over and clinically vulnerable individuals with extreme health issues. **(ask if you are unsure whether this applies to you)** First dose of vaccine expected to be given by mid-February 2021.



Priority 5

People 65 years of age and over.
First dose of vaccine expected to be given by early March 2021.

For Priority Groups 6 – 9 it is expected to start giving the first dose of the vaccine in March 2021 and complete by early May 2021.



Priority 6

All individuals between 16 years of age and 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and dying and unpaid carers.



Priority 7

People 60 years of age and over.



Priority 8

People 55 years of age and over.



Priority 9

People 50 years of age and over.

Once priority 9 has been completed, the vaccine will then be rolled out to the rest of the population.

The dates may change depending on vaccine supplies and the availability of venues where the vaccines are being given.

The vaccine is your best protection against coronavirus. You do not need to get the vaccine if you don't want it, but NHS Scotland strongly recommends you get the vaccine when offered it.

The plan is to vaccinate more than 20,000 people a week and some of the venues where people may be asked to go to have their vaccination include:



- Your local GP/Doctor's surgery
- Your local health clinic
- NHS Louisa Jordan, Glasgow
- Edinburgh International Conference Centre
- Pyramids Business Park (Bathgate)
- Queen Margaret University (Musselburgh)
- P&J Live at TECA (Aberdeen)
- Ravenscraig Sports Facility in Motherwell

There may be more sites added later.

How will I hear about my appointment?



If you are in priority groups 1 and 2 you will be contacted by your local NHS Board, your employer, or your local GP about your appointment.



If you are in one of the other priority groups, you will be contacted by letter or by telephone. This may be from your own GP/Doctor or local health board.

If an appointment date or time is unsuitable, you change their appointment on-line, or over the telephone.

Where will I be vaccinated?



People will be invited to a number of different settings for their vaccination appointment, this may be:

GP practices/Doctor's surgeries.

Local, small-scale vaccination centres.
(e.g., community centres, sports centres)



Home visits for those who are clinically extremely vulnerable or have other special requirements.

Mobile units for more remote and rural communities.

Large vaccination centre.



The vaccine will be given in 2 doses, once you have received the first the dose of vaccine, you will be asked to return after 12 weeks to receive your second dose of the vaccine.

What if I need to change my appointment?



If you need to change your appointment, you can contact your Doctor.

You can also go to the NHS Inform website and look at the COVID vaccination pages. (This portal will be available from February).

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/>



You can then change to a new date and time online.

If you cannot use the website, you can call the phone line on 0800 030 8013 (this number is available from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm every day) and someone will help you change the appointment date and time.