



COVID-19 vaccination

Why do I have to wait for my COVID-19 vaccination?

Information about COVID-19 vaccination supplies

People most at risk from the complications of COVID-19 are being offered the vaccine first.

The vaccines that have been approved for use in the UK require two doses to provide the best protection. The vaccines have been shown to be safe and effective in clinical trials.

In Jersey, we will be aligning our vaccination programme roll-out with the UK.

An independent group of experts has recommended that we offer these vaccines to those at highest risk of catching the disease and of suffering serious complications or dying from COVID-19. This includes older adults in care homes and frontline health and social care workers.

When more vaccine becomes available, the vaccines will be offered to other people at risk as soon as possible.

You should have the vaccine first if you are:



living in a care home for older adults



a frontline health care worker



a frontline social care worker



a carer working in a care home for older residents

Please read the product information leaflet for more details on your vaccine, including possible side effects, by searching Coronavirus Yellow Card or visit: coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/

You can also report suspected side effects on the same website or by downloading the Yellow Card app.

The vaccine will also be offered in following order to:

- those aged over 80 years
- other health and social workers
- those aged over 75 years
- those aged over 70 years
- clinically extremely vulnerable (high risk)
- those aged over 65 years
- clinically at risk (moderate risk)
- those aged 50 to 64 years
- balance of population (all ages to be confirmed)

If you are not in the groups above, you will have to wait for a COVID-19 vaccination until more supplies are available.

When more vaccine becomes available we will be offering it to more groups of the population.

Those who are clinically extremely vulnerable (high risk) include:

- solid organ transplant recipients
- people with specific cancers or receiving certain cancer treatments:
 - people with cancer who are undergoing active chemotherapy

- people with lung cancer who are undergoing radical radiotherapy
- people with cancers of the blood or bone marrow such as leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma who are at any stage of treatment
- people having other targeted cancer treatments which can affect the immune system, such as protein kinase inhibitors or PARP inhibitors
- people having immunotherapy or other continuing antibody treatments for cancer
- people who have had bone marrow or stem cell transplants in the last 6 months, or who are still taking immunosuppression drugs
- people with severe respiratory conditions including all cystic fibrosis, severe asthma and severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- people with rare diseases that significantly increase the risk of infections (such as severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID), homozygous sickle cell)
- people on immunosuppression therapies sufficient to significantly increase risk of infection
- women who are pregnant with significant heart disease, congenital or acquired

- adults with Down's Syndrome
- adults with kidney dialysis or stage 5 kidney disease

At the same time the vaccine will also then be offered to:

- younger adults in long stay nursing and residential settings
- if and when recommended, adults who provide regular care for an elderly or disabled person

I am in one of the listed groups, why do I have to wait?

More COVID-19 vaccines will become available as they are approved for use and as each batch is manufactured.

Every dose is needed to protect those at highest risk. You will be called in as soon as there is enough vaccine available.

Can I pay for a COVID-19 vaccine privately or at a pharmacy?

No, the COVID-19 vaccination is only available at the COVID-19 Vaccination Centre to eligible groups. It is a free vaccination.

Where can I get my COVID-19 vaccination?

Residents of care homes will be offered the vaccine within their care home setting. The vaccination team will visit these Islanders, who are at most risk, to ensure they get the vaccine first.

All other Islanders will be offered the vaccine at the COVID-19 Vaccination Centre at Queen's Hall, Fort Regent. The Vaccination Centre allows for the vaccine to be given to large numbers of people and at speed, without disrupting other healthcare services.

We need to minimise vaccine wastage and give the vaccines as safely and quickly as we can. The vaccines must be stored at the right conditions, so you will receive your vaccine at the Vaccination Centre. By providing the vaccines here it allows the flexibility to receive and deliver future vaccines.

Will Fort Regent be easily accessible?

Free parking is available at Pier Road multi-story car park on levels 10, 11 and 12 and disabled parking is available at Fort Regent.

A shuttle bus service, with six seats and wheelchair space will operate from Stand O at Liberation Station with a service every 20 minutes during Vaccination Centre opening times between 11.30am

and 6:30pm Monday – Friday and 8:30am and 3.30pm at the weekends.

COVID-19 mobile vaccination clinic

If you are housebound and cannot attend your appointment at the Vaccination Centre, a mobile vaccination clinic will visit you at home.

Please call the Coronavirus helpline: **01534 445566** to arrange an appointment.

How do I book my appointment?

When it is your turn for an appointment, you should visit the online booking portal which can be accessed at gov.je/vaccine

You will be asked to answer some questions to determine if you are eligible. You will need to provide your personal details and select a date for your vaccination appointment. After your booking is completed, you will receive a confirmation email or SMS with your appointment details.

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