



HM Prison &
Probation Service

What you need to know about the Coronavirus vaccine

Everyone must receive two doses of the Coronavirus vaccine for it to work properly and keep us safe.

The people most at risk of getting really ill if they caught the virus will be given the vaccine first, this applies to people in the community and people in prison.

We want to begin vaccinating people in prison as quickly as possible, because this is a major step towards us getting back to normal. But it will take time.

The vaccine will be given by prison healthcare staff and will be offered in age order to:

- those aged over 80 years
- those aged over 75 years
- those aged over 70 years
- adults on the NHS shielded patient list
- those aged over 65 years
- adults under 65 years with long term conditions (see list)

If you are in this age group you will get a letter from the healthcare team with your appointment details. Please try to be patient and wait for the letter, we know it is frustrating but this will be the quickest way for you to get your vaccination.

Those aged 50-64 will be offered the vaccine later as more of the vaccine becomes available. We can't tell you when you will get your vaccine, but health officials believe that all vulnerable groups will have been offered the vaccine by the end of Spring.

We know that not giving you clear deadlines is probably frustrating. We will share any information about timings with you as soon as we have it.

A clinical condition is something that may make you more at risk of serious illness if you get coronavirus:

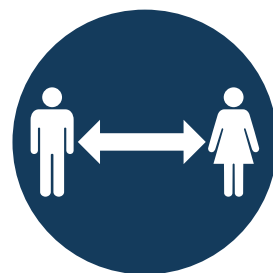
- a blood cancer (such as leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma)
- diabetes
- dementia
- a heart problem
- a chest complaint or breathing difficulties, including bronchitis, emphysema or severe asthma
- a kidney disease
- a liver disease
- lowered immunity due to disease or treatment (such as HIV infection, steroid medication, chemotherapy or radiotherapy)
- rheumatoid arthritis, lupus or psoriasis
- have had an organ transplant
- had a stroke or a transient ischaemic attack (TIA)
- a neurological or muscle wasting condition
- a severe or profound learning disability
- a problem with your spleen, eg sickle cell disease, or you have had your spleen removed
- are seriously overweight (BMI of 40 and above)
- are severely mentally ill



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