



HM Prison &
Probation Service

What you need to know about the Coronavirus vaccine



Coronavirus is a type of illness that makes people feel poorly.

People who have Coronavirus may:

- Have a sore throat
- Have a high temperature
- Have a cough
- Find it more difficult to breathe than normal
- Lose their smell or taste

To stop people getting Coronavirus people called scientists have made a vaccine.

A scientist is a person who tries to understand how our world and other things work.

What is a vaccine?

A vaccine helps your body to make antibodies.

Your body makes antibodies when it fights an infection, like Coronavirus.

The vaccine does not give you Coronavirus. It teaches your body to fight the virus.



- Those aged over 65 years
- Adults under 65 years with health conditions which mean they will get more poorly if they catch Coronavirus

It will take some time for all the groups of people to be asked if they want the vaccine so you need to be patient.

How will I know about the vaccine?

When it is your turn to be offered the vaccine, you will be contacted by the prison healthcare team.

The vaccine will make it less likely that you will get Coronavirus.

The vaccine will be given to you in an injection in your arm by prison healthcare.

You will have 1 injection and then you will need to have another 3 to 12 weeks later.

Some people might have a sore arm, sore muscles or a slight temperature after the injection. This is because the injection is new to your body.

If you don't feel well you can tell a

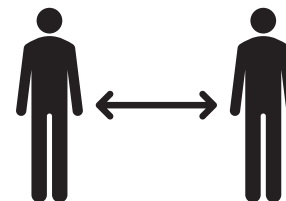


member of staff who will check if you are ok.

The vaccine cannot stop you from getting Coronavirus. But it can stop you from suffering serious complications if you catch it.

We do not know if the vaccine will stop you from passing Coronavirus on to other people, so you must continue to:

- Keep 2 metres away from people
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue and throw it away
- Wear a face covering
- Regularly wash your hands





After having a vaccination your body gets better at fighting that illness, without you having to get poorly first.

Unlike lots of medicines, which can treat or cure diseases, vaccines stop them without you getting poorly.

Doctors and scientists say the Coronavirus vaccines are safe to use.

Doctors and scientists say that if people have the vaccine, less people will get ill from Coronavirus.

Who will get the vaccine?

Older people are at risk of being really ill if they get Coronavirus so they will be offered the vaccine first.

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 who have been told by the doctor to shield

