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**NATIONAL VACCINATION PROGRAMME CIRCULAR 1 OF 2023**

**UPDATE TO COVID-19 VACCINATION SCHEDULE: ADDITIONAL BOOSTER DOSE FOR PERSONS 18 YEARS AND OLDER**

1. From Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 **persons 18 years and older** will be eligible to receive an **additional booster dose** providing that a period of at least **180 days** has elapsed since they received their last Covid-19 vaccination.
2. This means that **adults 50 years and older** will be eligible to receive a **total of five doses**, and **adults 18 – 49 years** will be eligible to receive a **total of four doses**.
3. Where available, these doses should be administered using the Cominarty® vaccine. However COVID-19 vaccine Janssen® may also be used, if the Cominarty® vaccine is not available or if the person prefers to receive the COVID-19 vaccine Janssen®.
4. The schedule for **persons 50 years and older** will therefore be as follows:

<b>SCHEDULE FOR PERSON 50 YEARS AND OLDER: Updated 30 January 2023</b>								
<b>Primary Schedule</b>	<b>Booster doses</b>							
<b>One dose</b>								
COVID-19 vaccine Janssen®	Minimum of 60 day interval	COVID-19 vaccine Janssen® <b>OR</b> Cominarty® Vaccine	Minimum of 90 day interval	COVID-19 vaccine Janssen® <b>OR</b> Cominarty® Vaccine	Minimum of 120 day interval	Cominarty® Vaccine <b>OR</b> COVID-19 vaccine Janssen®	Minimum of 180 day interval	Cominarty® Vaccine <b>OR</b> COVID-19 vaccine Janssen®

OR

<b>SCHEDULE FOR PERSON 50 YEARS AND OLDER: Updated 30 January 2023</b>								
<b>Primary Schedule</b>			<b>Boosteroses</b>					
<b>First dose</b>		<b>Second dose</b>						
Comirnaty® Vaccine	Minimum of 21 day interval	Comirnaty® Vaccine	Minimum of 90 day interval	Comirnaty® Vaccine <b>OR</b> COVID-19 vaccine Janssen®	Minimum of 120 day interval	Comirnaty® Vaccine <b>OR</b> COVID-19 vaccine Janssen®	Minimum of 180 day interval	Comirnaty® Vaccine <b>OR</b> COVID-19 vaccine Janssen®

5. The schedule for adults aged 18 – 49 years will therefore be as follows:

<b>SCHEDULE FOR ADULTS 18 – 49 YEARS: Updated 30 January 2023</b>						
<b>Primary Schedule</b>	<b>Booster doses</b>					
<b>One dose</b>						
COVID-19 vaccine Janssen®	Minimum of 60 day interval	COVID-19 vaccine Janssen® <b>OR</b> Comirnaty® Vaccine	Minimum of 90 day interval	COVID-19 vaccine Janssen® <b>OR</b> Comirnaty® Vaccine	Minimum of 180 day interval	Comirnaty® Vaccine <b>OR</b> COVID-19 vaccine Janssen®

OR

<b>SCHEDULE FOR ADULTS 18 – 49 YEARS: Updated 30 January 2023</b>						
<b>Primary Schedule</b>			<b>Booster doses</b>			
<b>First dose</b>		<b>Second dose</b>				
Comirnaty® Vaccine	Minimum of 21 day interval	Comirnaty® Vaccine	Minimum of 90 day interval	Comirnaty® Vaccine <b>OR</b> COVID-19 vaccine Janssen®	Minimum of 180 day interval	Comirnaty® Vaccine <b>OR</b> COVID-19 vaccine Janssen®

6. Adults (18 years and older) who are registered on the EVDS as being immunocompromised will be eligible to receive the additional booster doses providing that a period of 180 days has elapsed since their previous booster dose.

7. The schedule for adolescents 12 - 17 years remains unchanged.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOLESCENTS 12 – 17 YEARS: Updated 23 February 2022		
Primary Schedule		
First dose		Second dose
Comirnaty® Vaccine	Minimum of 21 day interval	Comirnaty® Vaccine

8. The EVDS has been updated to accommodate the revised schedule, and vaccinators are reminded that all administered doses must be correctly recorded on the EVDS.



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