



## COVID-19-VACCINATION INVITATION

### Do not miss your chance to get vaccinated



A vaccine has been reserved for you. Confirm or change the appointment. Thus, the vaccination centre knows you are coming. Ask a family member or someone close to you for help if necessary

Confirm your presence at [www.laatjevaccineren.be/registratie](http://www.laatjevaccineren.be/registratie)  
And register using your vaccination code <vaccinatiecode>



Or **scan** this QR code with your smartphone.



Or call <.....>

You can find this letter in several languages at:

[www.laatjevaccineren.be/uitnieuwingsbrief-covid-19-vaccinatie-in-andere-talen](http://www.laatjevaccineren.be/uitnieuwingsbrief-covid-19-vaccinatie-in-andere-talen)

### Bring this E-ticket with you to the vaccination center



Your personal vaccination code: <vaccinatiecode>

Dear .....,

You can get a COVID-19 vaccination at your vaccination centre. After all, your previous vaccinations' protection may have diminished since then. And this while we again expect episodes of frequent COVID-19 infections during the autumn and winter months. We therefore want to give you the opportunity to enhance your personal protection against COVID-19 by means of a timely vaccination. This vaccination is not mandatory. It is still free.

Read more about this autumn vaccination in the annexe.

#### Where and when can you get your second booster vaccination?

Where	When

- To make it easy on you, we have already made an appointment for you.
- Do you want to have an autumn vaccination? **Confirm** this appointment as soon as possible or **select a new date**.
- You do not want a vaccination? Please let us know this too by **refusing** the appointment.
- Confirm or modify your appointment on [www.laatjevaccineren.be/registratie](http://www.laatjevaccineren.be/registratie) using vaccination code V9b98b1f9f17e4b1. Or call 03 270 19 76.

#### What do you do on the day of your vaccination?

- Bring your identity card.
- Wear a surgical or cloth face mask.
- Wear comfortable clothes. You will be vaccinated in your upper arm.
- Come alone unless you need help.
- Do you feel sick, do you have the flu or a fever over 38°C? Please postpone your appointment and make a new one when you are completely healed.
- Are you in isolation because of a COVID-19 infection? Please postpone your appointment.

#### Where can you get more information on the corona vaccinations?

- Talk to your family doctor or ask your pharmacist for more information.
- Read the attachment to this letter.
- Surf to [www.laatjevaccineren.be](http://www.laatjevaccineren.be)
- Call 1700, the Infoline of the Flemish government

I hope I have given you sufficient information to allow you to make up your mind.

Kind regards,

**Dr. Dirk Dewolf**

Administrator-General

## Appendix: important questions

### Why a COVID-19 vaccination at the beginning of autumn?

The COVID-19 vaccines provide excellent protection against severe illness following a COVID-19 infection. They highly protect against all virus variants known to date.

After a few weeks, the protection gradually degrades. Especially the protection against infection and mild illness, but also, albeit to a lesser extent, the protection against severe illness.

Since the start of the pandemic, we have seen COVID-19 relapses in autumn. That is why we now want to give you the opportunity to enhance your personal protection by means of a vaccination. You can get a vaccination if at least 3 months have passed since your last dose.

### Is this vaccination recommended for me?

This vaccination is recommended for those who are extra vulnerable to becoming seriously ill due to a COVID-19 infection.

- The older you are, the higher the risk of a more serious development of the disease.
- The risk is also higher if you are obese, smoke or drink alcohol very regularly. Or if you already have another health problem, such as cardiovascular disease, lung disease or diabetes.
- The vaccination is also recommended if you are living with someone over 65 or with weakened immunity.

If necessary, discuss with your family doctor whether you are running a higher risk of serious COVID disease.

### Which vaccine will I receive, and will it work against new variants of the virus?

For your vaccination we will use a Pfizer or Moderna mRNA vaccine. These vaccines still provide a high degree of protection against serious illness and hospitalisation, even in case of infection with any of the variants we currently know.

You may receive a vaccine that has meanwhile been adapted to a particular type of the omicron variant. We certainly recommend not to postpone your vaccination: all vaccines we use provide very good protection against serious illness and hospitalisation

### Is it safe to get yet another vaccine?

There currently are no indications that this vaccination might cause more or different side effects than previous vaccination doses you may already have received.

### I was (recently) infected with COVID-19. Is a vaccination still useful?

A recent COVID-19 infection may also have enhanced your protection again. Nevertheless, we still recommend you get a vaccination. After all, it is still unclear to what extent and for how long a previous COVID infection provides protection against a more serious development of the disease. Even after a previous infection, there is still a minor risk of becoming seriously or permanently ill after a COVID infection.

### Do you find yourself in one of the following situations? Then postpone your vaccination if necessary.

- Have you ever had a strong allergic reaction to a vaccine? Have you ever needed medical attention after taking medication? Make sure to discuss this with your family doctor prior to your appointment.
- Do you feel sick, do you have the flu or a fever over 38°C? Then postpone your appointment and make a new one when you are completely healed.
- Did a corona test show you have COVID-19? Then you should not be vaccinated until 14 days after the test. If you have symptoms or complaints, you should not be vaccinated until 14 days after the complaints have stopped. Postpone your appointment, if necessary.

### You are unable to make it to the vaccination centre. What can you do?

If you are able to come to the vaccination centre but do not have suitable transport, please call the vaccination centre on .... They will find a solution.

If you cannot come to the vaccination centre for medical reasons, discuss this with your family doctor.