

## **Vaccination portal reopens as of 15 October for arrangement of vaccination appointments with 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> doses**

In an effort to encourage vaccination of beneficiaries against COVID-19, and following a technical upgrade to the Vaccination Portal, as of 15 October it will be possible to arrange an appointment for vaccination (1<sup>st</sup> dose and 3<sup>rd</sup> dose).

Specifically, as regards the arrangement of appointments for **new vaccinations** (1<sup>st</sup> dose), the Vaccination Portal will be accessible to **all persons aged 12 and over**.

In relation to **vaccination with the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose**, the Vaccination Portal is accessible to **people aged 65 and over, provided that six months have elapsed since vaccination with the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose**.

Finally, it is reiterated that citizens can also be served at the walk-in vaccination centers (for any dose) which operate island-wide.

Until 12 October, the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was administered to 26,097 people. The vaccination percentage of the adult population with at least the 1<sup>st</sup> dose is at 81.5% and of those fully vaccinated at 79%. In the age group of 16-17 years, 41.5% was administered with the 1<sup>st</sup> dose and 38.8% completed their vaccination scheme. Finally, in the age group of 12-15 years, 27.4% was administered with the first dose and 24.6% received both doses, completing their vaccination scheme.

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