

Minister of Health: We will fight health crisis through vaccination and personal protection measures

Vaccination has proven to be the only way to fight the health crisis, the Minister of Health, Mr Constantinos Ioannou, stated today, urging citizens to proceed with their vaccination, protecting, in this way, their health.

Speaking at a press conference held by the Health Insurance Organization on the occasion of the completion of two years of the General Healthcare System, and asked to comment on the fact that, according to the National Report published today, the positive cases have increased among younger ages where the percentage of vaccinations is lower, Mr Ioannou reiterated that the positive cases reflect the vaccination picture in relation to the vaccinations. "The fact that the ages over 40 and especially the ages over 50 have been vaccinated and shielded at a very satisfactory percentage, has substantially reduced positive cases among these ages, and now the positive cases are observed among younger ages and especially in individuals under the age of 30, where the vaccination coverage is limited. The sad thing is that there is less interest regarding vaccinations for that age group, and in the last few days, with the Vaccination Portal being available for individuals under 40, the interest was reduced, while the vaccination coverage (for those under 40) is already low and we were expecting more appointments to be arranged".

The Minister of Health appealed to citizens, especially of younger ages, to proceed with their vaccination, since, as he explained, "it has been proven that, apart from the personal protection measures, the only way to exit the health crisis is vaccination. With mutations, the Indian and other mutations, 'hitting' more young people - and we also see hospitalizations of young people - it is necessary that they proceed with their vaccination, because it is the only way to protect their health and the health of their loved ones".

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