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PRESS RELEASE

Vaccinations with the 3rd dose begin for people aged 60 years and over

Following a decision by the Council of Ministers on 15 October and as part of the target to shield, through the administration of the 3rd dose, the population groups that are most

vulnerable to severe disease from COVID-19, the Ministry of Health informs that as of

tomorrow, 19 October 2021, vaccinations with the 3rd dose begin for people aged 60 or

over.

In particular, all persons belonging to the age group of 60 years or over and given that a

period of six (6) months has necessarily elapsed from the date of vaccination with the 2nd

dose, will be able to arrange an appointment for the booster dose through the Vaccination

Portal as of tomorrow. In addition, the 3rd dose will also be administered to individuals aged

60 and over at the walk-in vaccination centres operating in all districts, every Monday to

Thursday from 8 am to 1 pm.

As regards vulnerable groups approved by the Council of Ministers on 15 October,

vaccinations with the 3rd dose will be arranged after a telephone call from the Ministry of

Health.

Until 17 October, the booster dose has been administered to 30,766 people. The

vaccination percentage of the adult population with at least the 1st dose is 81.7% and the

percentage of fully vaccinated persons is 79.3%. In the age group of 16-17 years, 41.7%

was administered with the 1st dose and 39.4% completed their vaccination scheme. Finally,

in the age group of 12-15 years, 27.6% was administered with the 1st dose and 25.2%

received both doses, completing their vaccination scheme.

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