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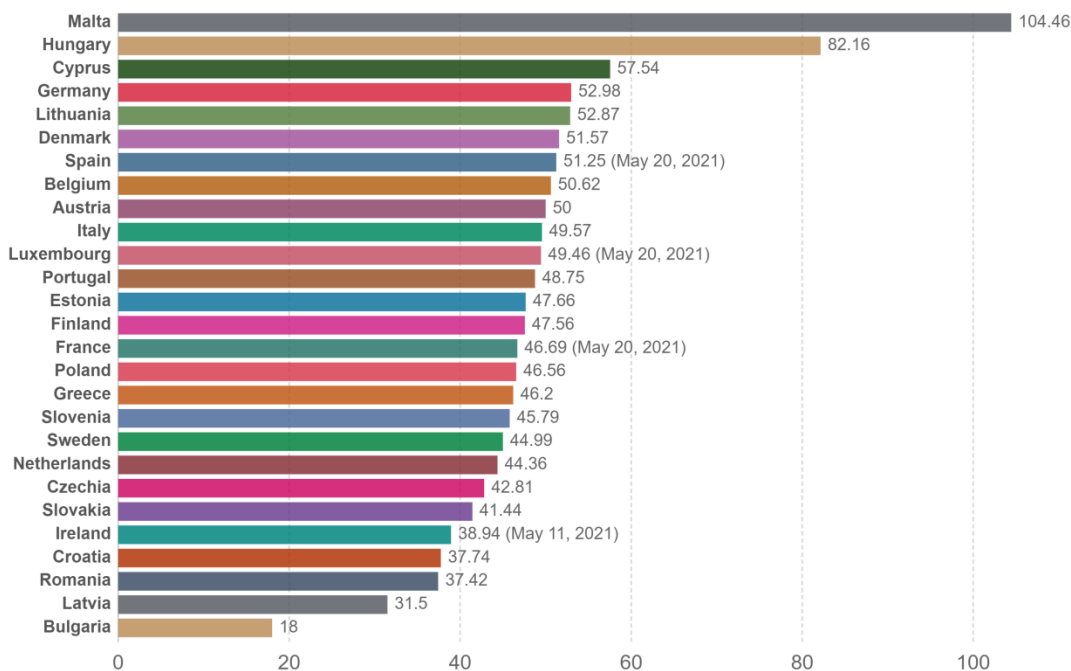
Vaccination coverage increases, the population is being shielded against COVID-19

The percentage of the population that is eligible for vaccination against COVID-19 and has received at least the 1st dose of the vaccine, is **close to 50%**. The vaccination coverage is increasing rapidly in recent weeks, **with 359,952 individuals (48.6%) having received the 1st dose of the vaccine until yesterday, and 155,192 individuals (21%) having completed their vaccination**. According to OurWorldInData, Cyprus ranks 3rd among EU states as regards the administration of vaccine doses and the vaccination plan is at a fairly advanced stage in comparison to other EU states.

COVID-19 vaccine doses administered per 100 people, May 21, 2021



Total number of vaccination doses administered per 100 people in the total population. This is counted as a single dose, and may not equal the total number of people vaccinated, depending on the specific dose regime (e.g. people receive multiple doses).



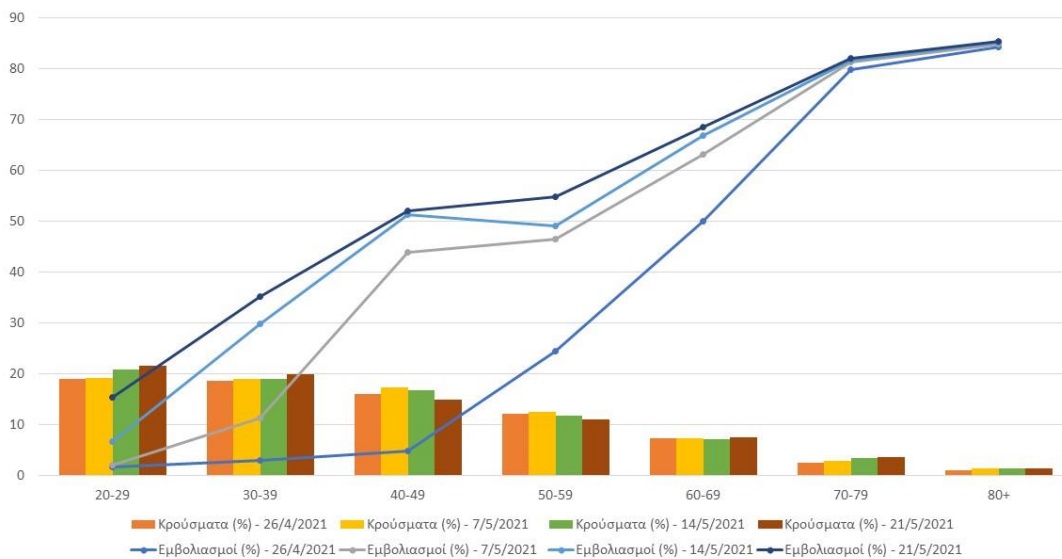
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The aim of the National Vaccination Plan is to achieve a high level of immunity in the population of Cyprus, **in order for the country to remain on a path of improvement and to ensure the protection of the citizens' health**. To achieve this goal, the process of arranging appointments for all individuals aged 18 and over has already been completed,

and during this period, the opportunity to arrange an appointment is gradually being given again for all ages.

The rate of vaccination coverage per age group is **gradually increasing**, thus **reducing the number of positive cases per age group** and **protecting citizens from serious illness**, and this has led to a **reduction in the admission of COVID-19 patients to hospitals**.



More specifically, in the **age group of 20-29** the vaccination coverage with at least the 1st dose increased to **15.3%**, in the **age group of 30-39** to **35.2%**, in the **age group of 40-49** to **52%**, in the **age group of 50-59** to **54.8%**, in the **age group of 60-69** to **68.5%**, in the **age group of 70-79** to **81.9%**, and in **individuals over the age of 80** to **85.4 %**.

In terms of vaccination coverage (with at least the 1st dose) per District, the **District of Pafos** remains in the first place with **50.7%**. The **Districts of Larnaka** and **Lefkosia** follow with **47.2%** and **47%** respectively, while in the **Districts of Lemesos** and **Ammochostos** **46.1%** and **43.8%** have been vaccinated with at least the 1st dose of the vaccine, respectively.

The confidence that vaccination against COVID-19 is a very important scientific weapon in **preventing the emergence of new mutations** and in **limiting the spread of the virus** prevails among citizens, who respond positively to the call for vaccination. It is now

understood that through the progress of the vaccination program, we will be able to **gradually return to a more functional daily life**, without restrictions and measures.

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