

Vaccination coverage of the population continues – 20% of citizens have been vaccinated with the 1st dose of the vaccine

Proceeding with the implementation of the National Vaccination Plan against COVID-19, and increasing the rate of vaccinations in order to achieve the coverage and immunity of a significant percentage of the population as soon as possible, the Ministry of Health announces that **on Monday, April 26, from 7:30 in the morning until 8 in the evening**, priority for the arrangement of vaccination appointments will be given to **individuals aged 43 and 44 only**. The vaccinations will be carried out in Vaccination Centres operating in all Districts. The Vaccination Portal will also open for other age groups, and more details will be announced at a later stage.

At the same time, vaccinations of individuals falling within the category of **Essential Services**, as approved by a special committee set up for this purpose, are progressing rapidly.

It is also noted that the expression of interest by **Personal Doctors** to be supplied with AstraZeneca vaccines **for the vaccination of their beneficiaries aged 30 and over**, is underway.

It is reminded that as of Monday, 26 April, in view of the measures decided by the Council of Ministers, **it is not required to send a text message for the purposes of going to a Vaccination Centre**, provided that the necessary evidence is presented (form, text message, Vaccination Card) for check purposes. In addition, for the individuals who **have completed their vaccination** with any of the available licensed vaccines, and **a period of 14 days has elapsed since receiving the last dose**, the following apply:

- **No mandatory self-isolation is required** in case these individuals are considered to be a **close contact of a coronavirus positive case**.
- **They are exempted from the obligation of a weekly rapid antigen test.**

As of April 23, **a total of 236,265 vaccinations (26.8 doses per 100 inhabitants)** were carried out, of which **176,082 (20%) concerned the administration of the 1st dose** and **60,183 (6.8%) concerned the administration of both doses**.

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