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NATIONAL VACCINATION PROGRAMME CIRCULAR 6 OF 2022

UPDATE TO COVID-19 VACCINATION SCHEDULE: ADDITIONAL BOOSTER DOSE FOR PERSONS 50 YEARS AND OLDER

- From Monday, 6th June 2022, **persons 50 years and older** will be eligible to receive an **additional booster dose of Comirnaty[®] vaccine** providing that a period of at least **120 days** has elapsed since they received their last Covid-19 vaccination.
- The schedule for **persons 50 years and older** will therefore be as follows:

SCHEDULE FOR PERSON 50 YEARS AND OLDER: Updated 6 June 2022						
Primary Schedule	Booster doses					
One dose						
COVID-19 vaccine Janssen [®]	Minimum of 60 day interval	COVID-19 vaccine Janssen [®] OR Comirnaty [®] Vaccine	Minimum of 90 day interval	COVID-19 vaccine Janssen [®] OR Comirnaty [®] Vaccine	Minimum of 120 day interval	<i>For people ≥ 50 years</i> Comirnaty [®] Vaccine

OR

SCHEDULE FOR PERSON 50 YEARS AND OLDER: Updated 6 June 2022						
Primary Schedule			Booster doses			
First dose		Second dose				
Comirnaty [®] Vaccine	Minimum of 21 day interval	Comirnaty [®] Vaccine	Minimum of 90 day interval	Comirnaty [®] Vaccine OR COVID-19 vaccine Janssen [®]	Minimum of 120 day interval	<i>For people ≥ 50 years</i> Comirnaty [®] Vaccine

3. The standard schedule for adults aged 18 – 49 years remains unchanged and is shown below:

SCHEDULE FOR PERSON 18 – 49 YEARS: Updated 14 March 2022				
Primary Schedule		Booster doses		
One dose				
COVID-19 vaccine Janssen®	Minimum of 60 day interval	COVID-19 vaccine Janssen® OR Comirnaty® Vaccine	Minimum of 90 day interval	COVID-19 vaccine Janssen® OR Comirnaty® Vaccine

OR

SCHEDULE FOR PERSON 18 – 49 YEARS: Updated 23 February 2022				
Primary Schedule			Booster dose	
First dose		Second dose		
Comirnaty® Vaccine	Minimum of 21 day interval	Comirnaty® Vaccine	Minimum of 90 day interval	Comirnaty® Vaccine OR COVID-19 vaccine Janssen®

4. The schedule for immunocompromised adults remains unchanged, and is shown below. For more details please consult National Vaccination Programme Circular 5 of 2022: UPDATE TO COVID-19 VACCINATION SCHEDULE FOR IMMUNOCOMPROMISED ADULTS issued on 7th April 2022.

SCHEDULE FOR IMMUNOCOMPROMISED ADULTS: Updated 11 April 2022						
Primary Schedule			Booster doses			
One dose		Additional dose		First booster		Second booster
COVID-19 vaccine Janssen®	28 days to three month interval	COVID-19 vaccine Janssen® OR Comirnaty® Vaccine	60 day interval	COVID-19 vaccine Janssen® OR Comirnaty® Vaccine	90 day interval	COVID-19 vaccine Janssen® OR Comirnaty® Vaccine
ONE OF THESE THREE DOSES MUST BE A COMIRNATY® VACCINE						

OR

SCHEDULE FOR IMMUNOCOMPROMISED ADULTS: Updated 11 April 2022						
Primary Schedule					Booster	
1st dose		2nd dose		Additional dose		
Comirnaty® Vaccine	21 day interval	Comirnaty® Vaccine	28 days to three month interval	Comirnaty® Vaccine OR COVID-19 vaccine Janssen®	90 day interval	Comirnaty® Vaccine OR COVID-19 vaccine Janssen®

5. The schedule for adolescents 12 - 17 years likewise remains unchanged.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOLESCENTS 12 – 17 YEARS: Updated 23 February 2022		
Primary Schedule		
First dose		Second dose
Comirnaty® Vaccine	Minimum of 21 day interval	Comirnaty® Vaccine

6. The EVDS has been updated to accommodate the revised schedule, and vaccinators are reminded that all administered doses must be correctly recorded on the EVDS.



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