



Dear 5.1.2e

Please find the responses to your questions from our Vaccine Deployment Team.

Has the UK decided which groups of citizens (e.g. elderly or vulnerable groups) will be the first to receive a vaccination?

- The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) are the independent experts who advise Government on which vaccine/s the UK should use and provide advice on prioritisation at a population level. The committee has advised that the vaccine first be given to care home residents and staff, followed by people over 80 and health and social workers, then to the rest of the population in order of age and risk.

If so, how will you target and approach these groups of citizens?

- Further work is being undertaken to understand more about the groups most at risk of serious disease and death from COVID-19 infection. The approach and advice given to these groups will need to be modified depending on the characteristics of the vaccines that become available.

How will the rolling out/deployment of the vaccine be organised?

- Detailed planning, building on the NHS's expertise delivering immunisation programmes, is underway, including the flu vaccination programme. Planning considerations include the size and make-up of the workforce needed to deliver a potentially extensive vaccination programme, training requirements, guidance and equipment, as well as the supporting infrastructure required, including warehousing, transport, logistics and storage. Depending on the amount of vaccine which becomes available, it is likely that we will need to mobilise special delivery arrangements in addition to the usual routes via primary care and the workforce required to manage the volume of vaccinations.

Will vaccination be compulsory?

- There are no current plans in the UK for a COVID-19 vaccine to be compulsory.

Will there be a charge for people being vaccinated?

- It will be available from the NHS – for free – to everyone eligible to benefit, starting with those most at risk as currently advised by the JCVI

I hope this provides you with some of the information you wanted and helps inform your letter.

Best wishes,

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Thank you, I look forward to your response.

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Hi [REDACTED]

I have forwarded your questions on to the appropriate team and hope to have a response with you shortly. I am aware the team is incredibly busy at present but have highlighted that you requested a swift response.

Best,  
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Dear [REDACTED]

For our vaccination strategy we are interested in the approach of the UK. A swift response would be appreciated since your information is a valuable insight for our Letter to our Parliament in the upcoming days. We're looking for the crude answers of your general approach and not per se a complete detailed answer per question. This also considering the time available on our side.

Thank you in advance for your response.

Questions:

- Did the UK decide which groups of citizens (e.g. elderly or vulnerable groups) will be the first to receive a vaccination?
- How will you target and approach these groups of citizens?
- How will the rolling out of the vaccine be organised?

- Will vaccination be compulsory?
- Is vaccinating free of charge?

We look forward to your response. And again thank you very much!

Best regards,

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