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- Materials available to support the COVID-19 Spring Booster Programme

COVID-19 Vaccination - Spring Booster Programme



Following the most recent [NIAC \(National Immunisation Advisory Committee\) advice](#) the HSE has announced the Spring COVID-19 booster vaccine programme for

- **People aged 70 years and older**
- **Residents of long term care facilities for older adults**
- **All aged 5 years and older who have a weak immune system**

For those aged 50 years and older and for those aged 5 years and older who are immunocompromised, an interval of 6 months is recommended since their last COVID-19 booster vaccine or since they had a COVID-19 infection but the minimum interval of at least 3 months can be used for exceptional or operational reasons.

Please consult the below guidance for further information on the recommended intervals between COVID-19 vaccines, which have been substantially updated in the current NIAC guidance.

If people who are eligible for a spring booster have had an adapted COVID-19 vaccine booster since **1st March 2023** they do not need another vaccine now. That dose was their Spring booster.

NIAC have updated [Chapter 5a COVID-19](#) of the Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland.

To support vaccinators and their teams the following materials have been updated

- [HSE Land Programme](#) - New mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine Formulations available from the National Immunisation Office catalogue
- [Clinical Guidance COVID-19 Vaccination Version 48](#)
- [FAQs](#)
- [Medicine Protocols](#)
- [Consent and Medical Eligibility](#)
- [SOPs](#)

Information for people eligible for vaccination is available from the [HSE Website](#).