

Vaccination against COVID-19

- ✓ COVID-19 will not disappear overnight.
- ✓ With the help of the vaccine, and by continuing to respect the sanitary measures, we can hope to put the current crisis behind us and soon catch our breath.
- ✓ The vaccine protects you and those around you against the coronavirus.
- ✓ It is free of charge.

How does a vaccine work ?

- With the vaccine, your body produces antibodies
- These antibodies help fight the virus particles
- If you are exposed to the virus later on, then the antibodies will protect you!

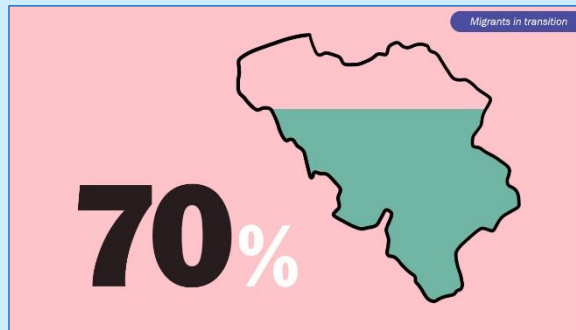
Why get vaccinated ?

To protect yourself and people around you

The coronavirus is dangerous for many people :

- People aged 65 and over
- People with lung, heart or vascular disease
- People with diabetes or a weakened immune system (because of cancer for example)

But, the virus can also be dangerous for young and healthy people.



To fight the spread of the virus

- If more than 70% of the Belgian population is vaccinated, the virus will spread less quickly. This is called herd immunity.
- Your life will get back to normal more quickly.
- Your body will be stronger to fight the virus.

How does the vaccine process work ?

- You will receive an injection in the upper arm
- For some vaccines, you will receive a second injection a few weeks after the first
- 14 days after the vaccine, you will be sufficiently protected against the coronavirus

Is the vaccine safe ?

- Producing vaccines requires considerable expertise. Scientists from several countries have worked hard to produce vaccines as quickly as possible.
- The vaccine has been strictly controlled by various independent authorities. It is safe.

Are there side effects after getting the vaccine ?

You may experience :

- a mild skin reaction, pain or swelling in your upper arm
- fatigue
- headaches
- a slight fever

This is normal and not serious, the side effects will disappear after a few hours or days.



Who will be vaccinated ?

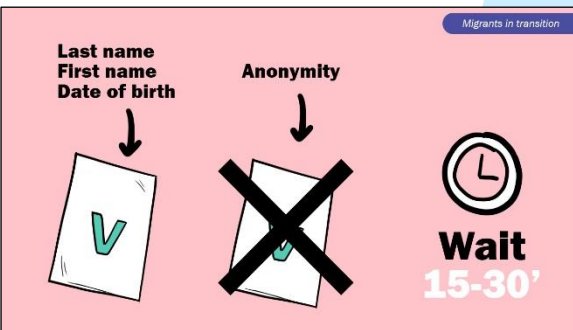
- Vaccination concerns all people over 18 years old
- Vaccination against coronavirus is voluntary and free for all
- The vaccine is not compulsory



Trusted people in your group, who are hosting you or who are in contact with you, will inform you.

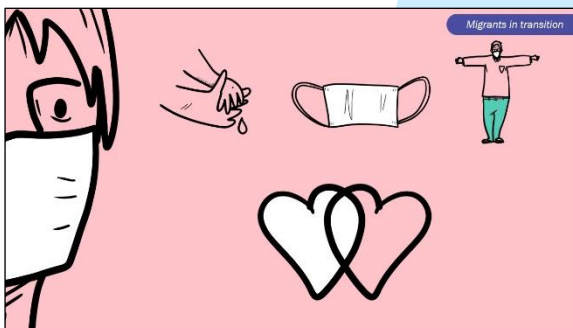
The vaccination can be organised in two ways :

- ✓ either you will be vaccinated at the place where you are staying
- ✓ or you will be accompanied to the nearest vaccination centre with organised transport



You will be asked to give your full name and date of birth so that you can be given a vaccination card. If you do not wish to give your contact details, the vaccination can be carried out anonymously but you will not receive a vaccination card in this case.

There is an observation period of 15 to 30 minutes after the injection.



Once you have been vaccinated, continue to comply with preventive measures :

You will still have to remain cautious for some time by respecting all the useful precautions: (wearing a face mask, physical distance, hand hygiene, ventilation of the rooms, etc.) for several reasons :

- ✓ The vaccine does not protect immediately after its administration.
- ✓ The population is vaccinated progressively, we are not all vaccinated at the same time.

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If you have any problems, you can contact the people you trust in your group. In case of emergency, you can dial 112 for emergency medical assistance.

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