

Access to COVID 19 Vaccination in EU27 and Associated Countries

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Austria

All persons who are resident in Austria can receive a coronavirus vaccination free of charge in Austria and thus be vaccinated against COVID-19. This also applies to persons who have no Austrian social security number. The national COVID-19 vaccination schedule regulates the order in which all persons willing to be vaccinated in Austria are vaccinated. The organisation as well as implementation of the vaccinations is carried out by the Federal States (Bundesländer). The coronavirus vaccination is voluntary. Further information in the English language and here.

Belgium

As a foreigner, one can be vaccinated in Belgium if you are officially residing there, duly registered or in the process of registration. It is also possible to be vaccinated if you do not reside in the country but have "strong links with Belgium". Otherwise, it is not possible to qualify to receive a Covid-19 vaccine.

However, since the aim is to reach a level of 70% vaccination in the country, irrespective of nationality, there is the option for foreign nationals living in Belgium to register for the waiting list. Detailed information can be found on the following website: <u>Belgian Immigration -</u> <u>Vaccinations (ey.com)</u>.

Further information

Croatia

All information concerning coronavirus and vaccination possibilities is available on the following web page.

According to the Decision of the Government of the Republic of Croatia (16 July 2021), the following categories may be vaccinated in the Republic of Croatia:

- Croatian citizens with health insurance
- Croatian citizens without health insurance
- all persons with foreign citizenship currently staying in the Republic of Croatia.

All Croatian and foreign citizens from the abovementioned categories may apply for vaccination on the <u>Ministry of Health's official webpage for applications for vaccination</u> <u>against COVID-19</u> or by calling the number 0800 0011. Their applications will be recorded in the central system of records.

All information concerning coronavirus and vaccination possibilities is available on the <u>official</u> government website for accurate and verified information for Coronavirus.

Cyprus

In Cyprus, the vaccination portal has been open to all age groups over 18 for an appointment since early June. At the moment over 50% of the general population has completed the vaccination and nearly 65% has received at least the first dose.

There are discussions around the vaccination of students at the start of the new academic year but nothing solid yet.

Czech Republic

In the Czech Republic, vaccination is open to all the people over 16 years old. Information is available this <u>link</u>. At this moment more that 2m people are fully vaccinated (28% of our population).

Denmark

COVID-19 vaccination is available and free for all residents in Denmark including people living temporarily in Denmark (more than 30 days) and also including people without health insurance if the purpose of the stay in Denmark isn't vaccination. Children younger than age

16 are not allowed vaccination. All information on vaccination in Denmark can be found <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.

Estonia

You will find all information about vaccination in Estonia here.

Finland

Information concerning Finland can be found <u>Travel and the coronavirus pandemic -</u> <u>Infectious diseases and vaccinations - THL</u>

France

The vaccination is open to all the people over 18 years old in France whatever their health condition: more than 33m people have received a 1st injection and more than 21M both injections. All information concerning the situation and level of restrictions on this <u>website</u>.

Germany

The latest information is available at this <u>website</u>. Concerning vaccination, prioritisation for certain age groups has been cancelled - <u>vaccination</u> - is now offered to all adults.

Greece

In Greece vaccination is open to the entire population over 18 years of age. Those who don't have a national security number are entitled to receive a provisionary one for the purpose of getting the vaccine. The government is about to open vaccination to young people between 12 and 18 years old, but the decision has not been made yet.

Citizens who are not registered in the GHS software or are not beneficiaries of GHS and wish to be vaccinated within the framework of the National Vaccination Plan against COVID-19, should complete and submit to the Ministry of Health, the Document for the Registration Of Citizens who are not GHS beneficiaries to the Cyprus Portal For Covid-19 Vaccinations. The Document must be submitted with a copy of the interested party's Identification Card, Alien Registration Card or other identification document, as well as a copy of that person's medical card, if applicable. All documents can be sent to the Ministry of Health, by email to <u>covidvac@moh.gov.cv</u>, or by post to the following address: 1 Prodromou and 17 Chilonos, 1449 Lefkosia, or delivered by hand to the Medical Card Department, Ministry of Health, 1 Prodromou and 17 Chilonos, Lefkosia." You may find all relevant information <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.

Iceland

Official information on COVID-19, both in regards to <u>vaccination statistics</u> and to <u>travel</u> to and within Iceland.

Ireland

The latest information is posted on the sites of the <u>Health Service Executive</u> and the <u>Department of Foreign Affairs</u>. Ireland is now rolling out a vaccination programme for the 18-34 age-group from 5 July 2021. Non-nationals are eligible for the free vaccination service. Information from the <u>Irish Universities Association</u>.

Italy

Official information on COVID-19, both in regards to <u>vaccination statistics</u> and for <u>travellers</u> to <u>Italy</u> is available on the website of the Italian Government.

Hungary

In Hungary the vaccination is now open for all age groups above 12, also including foreign nationals living in the country (those wanting to register should consult this <u>link</u>). The vaccination rate has reached 55% (first dose), around 5.5 million people.

Latvia

The situation with vaccination in Latvia is gradually improving. Starting from 3 May 2021, vaccination of all residents against COVID-19 has been commenced in Latvia. This means that not only residents from the priority groups can register for vaccination. Also, starting from 17 May 2021, persons from 16 years of age can apply for vaccination against COVID-19 with Comirnaty vaccine and vaccination of teenagers aged 12 to 15 in Latvia began on June 2. Covid-19 vaccine is intended for Latvian residents and foreign citizens, if they have obtained rights to receive state-funded healthcare services. The latest information is available at this link.

Liechtenstein

Due to the customs agreement with Switzerland, Liechtenstein has the same requirements as Switzerland for entry. <u>Weblink</u>.

About half of the population has received at least the first vaccination in Liechtenstein.

Lithuania

All information concerning coronavirus and vaccination possibilities is available on the following link <u>https://koronastop.lrv.lt/en/</u>

Luxembourg

This <u>link</u> is updated daily and provides the relevant information.

Regarding vaccination the first invitations for vaccination against the coronavirus have been sent out at the end June to adolescents aged between 12 and 17, starting with the oldest and priority will be given to the most vulnerable.

At the beginning of July, Phase 6 of the vaccination campaign (age group 18-54 years) was completed. As in previous phases, anyone who has not yet scheduled an appointment to be vaccinated against COVID-19 during the different phases of the vaccination campaign (phases 1-6) will be able to register on a new waiting list. The vaccination strategy adopted by the government provided for vaccination to be offered to cross-border workers once the resident population had been invited to be vaccinated. The waiting lists will thus also be open to cross-border residents, as well as to Luxembourg nationals residing in another country, who do not have access to vaccination in their country of residence.

Malta

In the case of Malta, 81% of the total population has received the 1st dose of vaccine, whilst 67% are fully vaccinated. Please refer to the <u>link</u> for daily updates.

Netherlands

In the Netherlands, all age groups (except under 18) can make an appointment for vaccination in the coming weeks, and many students have already been vaccinated. The Dutch government published information on vaccination for those temporarily in the Netherlands on the following website: <u>Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 when temporarily in the Netherlands | Coronavirus COVID-19 | Government.nl</u>.

Norway

In Norway the population is vaccinated according to age group, and how far it has progressed varies slightly from region to region. As of today (12 July 2021), 71.3 percent of the adult population (i.e. above the age of 18) have received one dose and 37.2 percent two doses at national level. However, the government decided earlier this spring to give priority to the age group 18-25 over the age groups 26-39. This means that the vaccination of the student population is well under way. Furthermore, the government have also asked municipalities

to ensure that students who plan to go abroad from the month of August on, receive two vaccine doses before they leave. Thus, in principle all students who go abroad should be fully vaccinated when they leave, although 100 percent coverage cannot be guaranteed.

As for incoming students and pupils, it has been decided that all those who have been admitted to study at an approved Norwegian educational institution will be allowed to enter the country as of August 1, even if they otherwise do not fulfil the requirements for entry. We still have admission regulations in place, and for an updated status, please consult this <u>link</u>.

Depending on the student's country of origin, one may still be required to quarantine in a hotel upon entry but the Ministry of Education and Research has expressed an "expectation" that the host HEIs cover the cost of the quarantine. In practice, "expectation" is interpreted as "requirement", so students can expect to have no financial costs related to a possible quarantine. Please see this <u>link</u> for a map showing the status for entry quarantine requirements. This map is updated every Sunday at midnight.

Portugal

In Portugal, the start of vaccination for young people over 18 years of age is expected to start on 4 July 2021. From that date onwards, the authorities are studying the possibility of giving priority to young people who have already been selected for a period of study/research/volunteering outside Portugal.

Romania

At present, it is free to vaccinate for all ages (over 12 years old) and population categories. We know also from the media or from universities of cases of ERASMUS students already present in Romania who were vaccinated during this spring. We hope this trend will be maintained from now on and anyone who comes to Romania for studies or volunteering can be vaccinated. All the incoming students or volunteers who want to vaccinate, should request information from the hosting institution, about the nearest vaccination centre and procedure.

Serbia

The vaccination of foreign citizens in Serbia has been possible since the <u>end of March</u>. Vaccination of foreign citizens has been taking place in the two largest cities in Serbia, Belgrade, and Novi Sad. Foreign citizens with or without residence in Serbia can express an interest in vaccination against COVID-19 and make an appointment. We hope that there will be no changes to the treatment of foreigners in Serbia when it comes to the vaccination prioritisation in the autumn/winter. For the time being, there are no obstacles for, say students in Ireland, to make an appointment for coronavirus vaccination, upon their arrival in Serbia.

Slovak Republic

Information on COVID, tests and vaccination can be found at this multilingual link.

Slovenia

For SLOVENIA the information regarding COVID can be found <u>here</u>. All foreigners with permanent or temporary residency in Slovenia can be vaccinated (no age limitation), all vaccination centres have detailed instructions how to register them in the system.

Spain

The Vaccination Strategy against COVID-19 in Spain defined an ethical framework and prioritisation for vaccination, as well as the groups to be vaccinated, since the beginning. In the following link, all the related documents can be <u>downloaded</u> (in Spanish).

The vaccination of Erasmus+ students who are going to study abroad is an issue that has been discussed in the Public Health Commission, between the General Directorate of Public Health of the Ministry of Health and those corresponding to the Autonomous Communities and Cities, reaching a consensus for the vaccination of those students according to the organisational and operational strategies of the Autonomous Communities and Cities, and if possible on dates as close as possible to the mobility.

Regarding the vaccination of international students who come to Spain, they will be vaccinated in the place where they stay during their study period. In this regard, the procedure for vaccination will be reported shortly.

In the following link of the Ministry of Health, the daily epidemiological situation in our country can be <u>followed</u> (in Spanish).

Turkey

COVID-19 vaccination is available and free for all the people over 18 years old in Turkey. All information concerning the vaccination is available <u>here</u>.

Sweden

Information on COVID-19 for people entering Sweden from abroad can be found here.

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