

Vaccinations: invitations and booking an appointment

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Invitations and booking appointments for your vaccinations

You will receive a personal invitation to get vaccinated by letter, e-mail and text message. You will have to make the appointments for your vaccinations yourself.

The invitation will tell you where you will be vaccinated. Residents of Antwerp, Borsbeek, Schoten, Stabroek and Wommelgem will go to the [VacCovid vaccination village located in Spoor Oost in Borgerhout](#).

Keep your invitation until after your 2nd vaccination. You can read why on the page '[Vaccinatiedorp VacCovid](#)' > '[VacCovid ligt in een lage-emissiezone](#)' (VacCovid Vaccination village' > 'VacCovid is located in a low emission zone').

How to book appointments

The invitation explains what you need to do. We will also explain it here. There are several options:

Via www.laatjevaccineren.be/registratie

- Enter your registration code.
- Choose 2 times to come by for your vaccinations.

With the QR code

Do you have a smartphone with a QR reader?

- Scan the QR code on the third page of the letter.
The QR code is the square with the white and black squares. It's located on the center of the sheet, under 'Scan onderstaande QR-code met je smartphone om een afspraak te maken' (in English: 'Scan the QR code below with your smartphone to book an appointment').

- You will be automatically redirected to the correct page to make your appointments.

If you are using an iPhone, you don't have to install anything. Just open the camera app and point the camera at the QR code. This will direct you to the right page.

If you are using an Android, you will probably need a QR reader.

What to do in case of problems and there's no-one to help you?

Call the local corona information line: tel. 03 435 95 55 ([see the opening times](#)). It may take a while for you to receive assistance, if it's busy.

Or visit 1 of the [physical helpdesks](#).

Timing of your 2nd vaccine

Are you making an appointment for your 1st vaccination? Then you will immediately be given the time of your 2nd vaccination. The time between the 1st and 2nd shot vaccination depends on the type of vaccine.

- Pfizer: 21-50 days
- AstraZeneca:
 - invitation after 17 May 2021: 51 days
 - invitation before 17 May 2021: 89 days
- Moderna: 26-43 days

Please note: the Johnson & Johnson vaccine only requires 1 vaccination.

Beware of fake invitations

Vaccination is free for everyone, so:

- do not transfer any money
- do not share bank details

This is how to identify fake invitations:

- You will always receive a personal invitation by mail. So, be careful if you only get a text or e-mail.
- Only the regional authorities (Flanders, Wallonia and Brussels) will send invitations. Invitations from a vaccine manufacturer are fake therefore.
- Invitations for vaccination are always made out to you personally.
- You will only get emails from cov19-vaccin@doclr.be.
- You will only get text messages from the number 8811.

Via safeonweb.be you will find even more tips on identifying fake invitations.

Have you received a false or suspicious message? Send it to suspicious@safeonweb.be.

Order of vaccination

Not everyone can get vaccinated at the same time.

Therefore, you may get your invitation earlier or later than someone else. But everyone will get the opportunity to be vaccinated.

Based on scientific advice, the following groups will be vaccinated first:

- residents of residential care centres
- healthcare providers
- elderly people
- chronically sick people

Only then will the rest of the population be vaccinated.

Read more about the [order of vaccination](#).

QVAX reserve list

If you would like to be considered as a reserve for a coronavirus vaccine, please register at www.qvax.be.

For the moment, most people show up for their vaccination appointment at VacCovid. Therefore, there are not a lot of leftover vaccines available for the QVAX-list. If there are any vaccines left over, registered people will be invited according to age.

Choosing between vaccines

You cannot choose which vaccine you will get. Your name is linked to a code. This code is linked to a vaccine type that is right for you.

Your 2nd vaccination is performed with the same vaccine as the first dose. The vaccination centres have enough vaccines of the correct type to give each person a 2nd dose with the same type of vaccine. All vaccines are registered by name and lot number in [Vaccinnet](#). This way, you will receive the correct 2nd dose.

For more information

- Laatjevaccineren.be
- Practical information about the vaccination in the VacCovid vaccination village on vaccovid.be.
- Measures, tests and vaccinations on www.antwerpen.be/corona.

- De laatste maatregelen van het Overlegcomité en Stad Antwerpen (The latest measures of the Concertation Committee and the City of Antwerp).