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Your personal invitation for

a **BOOSTER DOSE OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE**

Dear Sir/Madam

To continue protecting the public against the Covid-19 virus, Belgium's Superior Health Council has recently advised public authorities to offer **an additional dose of the Covid-19 vaccine** to some of those most at risk.

The latest scientific data suggest that the vaccines' effectiveness wanes over time. Therefore, **a booster is strongly recommended to maintain immunity, reduce circulation of the virus and provide maximum protection against the serious effects of Covid-19**. The vaccines have proven to be effective in doing that.

Only the Pfizer (Comirnaty®) or Moderna (Spikevax®) vaccines will be used as boosters, no matter what vaccine you received initially.

When are you eligible to receive a booster?

Invitations are only issued when a set period of time has passed since your last vaccine dose. If you have received this letter, that means you are eligible for the booster from today.

The booster is free and voluntary. It is recommended to strengthen your immunity against Covid-19. We recommend that you get the booster as soon as possible after receiving this invitation (*).

Where can you go to get your booster?

- You can get the booster in one of the **vaccination centres** in the Brussels-Capital Region.
- You can also go to **vaccination popups** in the Brussels-Capital Region **where Pfizer or Moderna vaccines are given**. Please check before travelling.
- You can also go to **local vaccination providers** (vaccine buses, pharmacies taking part in the vaccination campaign or a local vaccination service in your area) **provided that they give the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines**. Please check before travelling.

- You can find more information on the vaccination sites here:
<https://coronavirus.brussels/vaccination-covid-menu/ou-se-faire-vacciner/>
- Or you can phone our call centre on **02/214.19.19**.
- People who are physically unable to travel can also contact their general practitioner to request vaccination at home.
- **If you are a healthcare professional**, please go to the vaccination centre at **Neder-Over-Heembeek Military Hospital** as this site has more capacity.

Do you need to make an appointment?

If you want to be vaccinated in a vaccination centre or vaccination popup, please make an appointment **IN ADVANCE**. The waiting time for people without an appointment can be more than two hours. Therefore, you are strongly advised to make an appointment.

How do you make an appointment for your booster?

- You can make an appointment **via the online booking platform bru-vax.brussels**. You will need to enter your national register number or BIS number and the system will generate an appointment for your booster.

Book your appointment here

- You can also **phone the call centre** on [02/214.19.19](tel:022141919) to make an appointment in your preferred vaccination centre or vaccination popup.
- You will then receive confirmation of your appointment. The appointment guarantees your slot and avoids a long waiting time onsite.
- Don't forget to take this invitation to the vaccination centre, vaccination popup or your general practitioner.

Practical information

- Take your identity card with you and ideally this invitation.
- Allow enough time. Remember that there is an observation time of 15 to 30 minutes after the vaccination.
- Wear a mask.
- Wear loose clothes. The vaccine will be given in the upper arm.
- Come alone, except if you need help.
- Don't attend if you are unwell (temperature above 38°C). In that case, reschedule your appointment.

Best regards,
Dr Pierre-Louis Deudon
Physician – Hygiene Inspector

(*) In some cases, you can ignore this letter:

- 1. If you have already gone to a vaccination site, requested the booster and been given it.*
- 2. If you live or work in a residential community or complex (retirement home, care home, assisted living facility or sheltered housing, hospital, psychiatric hospital or institution for people with physical or mental disabilities). You will be vaccinated in that location. The site's managers will take the necessary steps to ensure that you receive the booster.*

Free transport to your vaccination appointment.

The STIB is providing free tram, metro or bus travel to vaccination centres. Simply request it when making your appointment via Bru-vax or the call centre.

You could also ask your local authority. Some areas are offering free transport to vaccination centres.

Health insurance providers are also providing transport services for disabled people. Check your provider's website for more information.

Your personal data has been used solely by the competent authorities and issuers of this vaccination invitation pursuant to the Royal Order of 24 December 2020 on recording and processing data on COVID-19 vaccinations.