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## VACCINATION INVITATION: 'AUTUMN' COVID-19 BOOSTER

Dear Sir or Madam,

In order to protect against a potential wave of infections during the coming winter, the Interministerial Conference on Public Health has decided, on the basis of recommendations from the Superior Health Council and the Vaccination Task Force, to **offer an autumn booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine** from the start of September.

Recent scientific research has shown that **the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccination decreases over time**, particularly among more vulnerable people. Maintaining immunity is therefore extremely important in order to prevent serious health problems or potential hospitalisation caused by COVID-19.

By limiting such COVID-related hospitalisations, this vaccination campaign will reduce the pressure on hospitals so that they can continue to offer healthcare services, as well as keeping life socially, culturally and economically 'normal'. At-risk groups are being prioritised for this booster dose.

**Because of this, and on the basis of these recommendations, people aged 65 and over, people aged 50 and over with risk factors (smoking, obesity, excessive alcohol consumption, etc.) and people aged 18 or over with an underlying medical condition (cancer, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, diabetes, etc.) are being invited to receive this booster dose as soon as possible and at least 3 months after their last dose.**

On the back of this letter, you will find all of the information you need about booking your appointment and the vaccination itself. This vaccination is free of charge and is not compulsory.

Please remember that **other measures to protect individuals and the public in general** (hand hygiene, wearing a mask in busy places, ventilating indoor spaces, etc.) **continue to be strongly recommended**. If you experience symptoms, you must still take a test and self-isolate.

Your sincerely,

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*We are using your personal data to invite you for a COVID-19 vaccination. The processing of this data is governed by the cooperation agreement of 12 March 2021 between the Federal Government, the Common Community Commission, the French Community, the German-speaking Community, the Flemish Community, the Walloon Region and the French Community Commission on the processing of data in relation to COVID-19 vaccinations. Find out more at <https://covidvaccin.doclr.be/privacy/en> or by calling (+32) 02/214.19.19.*



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## Vaccination in the Brussels-Capital Region

### Where can you get a booster dose (from 12/09!)?

- a vaccination centre (Pachéco, Molenbeek, Forest, Woluwe-St-Pierre)
- a medical centre or partner medical centre
- a partner pharmacy
- your GP, if they are offering COVID-19 vaccinations at their surgery

You can find a list of vaccination sites and their opening hours here: <https://coronavirus.brussels/vaccination-covid-menu/ou-se-faire-vacciner-a-bruxelles/>.

- Bedridden people can contact their GP to arrange a home vaccination appointment.
- People living in a care home will be informed of the vaccination procedure by their home.
- Where applicable and available, care staff may be vaccinated through their workplace.

### Do you need to book?

- From 12/09/2022 to 30/09/2022, you will need to book (vaccination centre, GP, pharmacy, etc.).
- From 01/10/22, walk-in vaccinations will be available but only at vaccination centres.

Book your vaccination with **your national register number** (or your NISS-BIS number):

- via the **booking website**: <https://bruvax.brussels.doctena.be>
- via the **call centre** on **(+32) 02/214.19.19**.

You will then be sent a booking confirmation by email or text.

### What to bring with you

- Identity card
- Invitation
- Proof of the last dose you received (vaccination card, paper vaccination certificate, CovidSafe app, masante.belgique.be, etc.)

### Practical details

- Please allow enough time and don't forget the 15-minute observation period after you receive your vaccine.
- You must wear a face mask.
- You must postpone your appointment if you have any COVID-19 symptoms or if you feel ill. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you must wait until 14 days after you received your positive test and until you are symptom-free before receiving your vaccination.

### Transport to the vaccination centre

The STIB is offering free travel to your vaccination centre by tram, metro or bus. To take advantage of this offer, simply sign up when booking via Bru-Vax or the call centre.

Some insurance providers will arrange transport for people with reduced mobility. Some communes are also offering transport for older people.

**Got another question? Contact the call centre on (+32) 02/214.19.19.**

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