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# The Operation to Vaccine Homebound Individuals at Their Homes Will Begin Next Week

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After consultations between Health Minister Yuli (Yoel) Edelstein and the Ministry's Director General Prof. Chezy Levy, it was resolved to initiate an outline for vaccinated homebound individuals at their homes.

The operation to vaccinate homebound individuals will officially begin next week, and tomorrow (18.3.2021) a test run will be held for vaccinating homebound patients at their homes.

The operation will be conducted in such a way as to allow homebound individuals to be vaccinated with single syringes, according to a unique development by the Pharmaceutical Division in the Ministry of Health vis-à-vis Pfizer Inc.

The vaccination will be administered by HMO nurses in association with Magen David Adom which will arrange for transportation. The joint teams will go from house to house by advanced appointment and vaccinate homebound individuals.

There are about 105,000 homebound individuals in Israel. So far, about 77,000 (about 75%) have been vaccinated, mostly by being transported to vaccination clinics by ambulance.

Health Minister Edelstein: "We will leave no one behind. As we promised from the beginning – there will be no citizen in Israel who would like to vaccinate and would not be able to. I am pleased that a solution was found also for the homebound who cannot be transported to the vaccination clinics, even with the assistance offered. I wish to thank the HMO for making supreme efforts so that no one is left behind".

Ministry of Health's Director General, Prof. Chezy Levy: "As part of the vaccination operation it was clear that the homebound are a special population. Most of them are older adults with serious medical conditions. With the help of the HMOs and their commendable work, HMO representatives arrived at their homes and transported the homebound to vaccination clinics and thus over 70% of all homebound individuals have been vaccinated. Some of them are incapable of leaving their homes and arriving to the vaccination clinics and centers, and for them a system was developed. Using Magen David Adom ambulances, we will arrive with HMO nurses to their homes and that way we could vaccinate the remaining homebound individuals and thereby achieve our goal and vaccinate over 95% of all those aged 50 and older".

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