



Folkhälsomyndigheten

Recommendations on order of priority for vaccination against covid-19

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The purpose of the Swedish Public Health Agency's recommendations on the order of priority for vaccination against covid-19 is to provide information to the people who are most at risk of becoming seriously ill with covid-19.

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 Dictionary

 Translation

[Read about the order of priority in other languages at krisinformation.se](https://www.krisinformation.se)

Everyone who lives in Sweden and who is 18 years and older, vaccination against covid-19 is recommended. Depending on the vaccine and the individual's basic problems, the vaccination can in special cases be discussed with the attending physician.

From May 2021, vaccines will be offered to all adults over the age of 18. People who are 17 years or younger, [except for certain patient groups](#), are not offered vaccines. However, the situation may change as knowledge about covid-19 and the effects of vaccines increases.

Initially, vaccination is not offered to people who are 17 years or younger or to pregnant women without risk factors. However, the situation may change as knowledge about covid-19 and the effects of vaccines increases.

The vaccines against covid-19 will be delivered continuously in several batches, and initially in limited volumes. The availability of a vaccine determines how quickly it is possible to offer vaccination against covid-19 to more groups.

The risk of becoming seriously ill determines the order of priority

Those who have the greatest need for protection against covid-19 should be offered the vaccine before those who are at lower risk of serious illness and death. The most obvious risk factor is

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regions' different conditions.

The Swedish Public Health Agency recommends that groups with the greatest need for protection be given priority in different phases. Age and socio-economics must be taken into account in all four phases.

Phase 1

In the first phase, which began at the end of December 2020, the following risk groups are vaccinated:

- Persons who live in special housing for the elderly or have home care with personal care according to the [Social Services Act](#) .
- Staff in elderly care, health care and other care staff who work closely with these people.
- Close household contacts, ie. adults living with someone belonging to the risk group mentioned in the first paragraph.

Phase 2

The second phase includes the following groups:

- People who are 65 years and older, of which the oldest are vaccinated first.
- People who have undergone a bone marrow transplant, or other organ transplant, and their household contacts.
- People with dialysis treatment and their household contacts.
- Persons who are 18 years or older and who receive interventions in accordance with the Act (1993: 387) on support and service for certain disabled people (LSS).
- Persons who are 18 years or older and who have assistance benefits according to the Social Insurance Code. The oldest are offered vaccination first.
- Staff in health and care (including LSS), who work closely with the patients and care recipients mentioned in the above points.

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Phase 3

The third phase includes the following risk groups:

- People aged 60–64 years with a disease or condition that carries an increased risk of becoming seriously ill with covid-19 (according to the list below).
- Persons aged 60–64 years.
- People aged 18–59 years, including pregnant women, with an illness or condition that carries

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- People with a condition that makes it difficult to follow the advice on infection control measures. This applies to people aged 18–59 who have a dementia disease or a cognitive or mental disability. This also applies to people who live in socially vulnerable situations.

Diseases or conditions that increase the risk of becoming seriously ill with covid-19:

- Chronic cardiovascular disease, including stroke and hypertension (high blood pressure).
- Chronic lung disease such as COPD and severe and unstable asthma.
- Other conditions that lead to impaired lung function or impaired coughing and secretion stagnation (for example, extreme obesity, neuromuscular diseases or multiple disabilities).
- Chronic liver or kidney failure.
- Type 1 and type 2 diabetes.
- Conditions that severely weaken the immune system due to an illness or treatment.
- Down syndrome.

Phase 4

The fourth and final phase includes people who are 18-59 years old and who have not been prioritized in the previous phases. In the implementation of vaccinations in phase four, age must continue to be taken into account, which means that the oldest should be vaccinated first.

Covid-19, like many other diseases, is more common among people with poorer socio-economic conditions. In the vaccination effort, special consideration should be given to groups with a low socio-economic position and other vulnerable groups. Therefore, socio-economics must also be taken into account in the vaccination effort.

Vaccination in phase three and phase four can take place in parallel based on regional conditions.

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[Sub-report for national plan for vaccinations against covid-19](#)

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