



ROYAL NORWEGIAN
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Heads of Mission resident in Norway and has the honour to inform about the following:

The Covid-19 vaccination process (“Coronavirus immunisation programme”) has begun in Norway. The vaccines that now are available, will be distributed strictly to the highest prioritised groups according to recommendations from the Norwegian Institute of Public Health (NIPH – Folkehelseinstituttet/FHI).

The order can be changed in accordance with the development of the epidemiological situation in society, the capacity of the health care services, availability of vaccines, increased knowledge of the effect of vaccines in different age and risk groups and how vaccines prevent transmission in society.

The order of priority is currently as follows:

1. Residents in nursing homes and selected groups of health care personnel
2. People 85 years old and above, and selected groups of health care personnel
3. People 75-84 years old
4. People 65-74 years old, and people 18-64 years old with the following diseases/medical conditions:
 - a. Organ transplant
 - b. Immunodeficiency

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- c. Hematologic (blood) cancer in the last 5 years
 - d. Other active cancer, ongoing or recently finished treatment for cancer (especially immunosuppressive therapy, radiation therapy to the lungs or chemotherapy)
 - e. Neurological or muscular disease with impaired coughing strength or lung function (e.g. ALS, Downs Syndrome)
 - f. Chronic kidney disease or significantly impaired renal function
5. People 55-64 years old with the following diseases/medical conditions:
- a. Chronic liver disease or significantly impaired liver function
 - b. Immunosuppressive therapy, e.g. with autoimmune diseases
 - c. Diabetes
 - d. Chronic lung disease, including cystic fibrosis and severe asthma that has required the use of high-dose inhaled steroids or steroid tablets during the last year
 - i. Asthma is regarded as a chronic lung disease among persons who regularly uses inhaled steroids or cortisone tablets. People who occasionally uses fact-acting seizure medicine are not regarded as having a chronic lung disease.
 - e. Obesity with body mass index (BMI) of ≥ 35 kg/m² or higher
 - f. Dementia
 - g. Chronic cardiovascular disease (except high blood pressure)
 - h. Stroke

- i. Other serious and/or chronic diseases not mentioned in the list above may also increase the risk of serious illness and death from Covid-19. This should be assessed individually by a doctor.
6. People 45-54 years old with the same diseases/medical conditions as those in point 5
7. People 18-44 years old with the same diseases/medical conditions as those in point 5
8. People 55-64 years old
9. People 45-54 years old

Vaccines may be made available to a larger part of the population along with increased knowledge about the approved vaccines and the development of the pandemic.

All vaccination in Norway is voluntary. Both the vaccine itself and vaccination in the Coronavirus immunisation programme is free for those who are recommended vaccination.

The municipalities have a duty to provide vaccination to people in prioritised groups who live or stay in the municipality. **The municipalities are also responsible for people who are temporarily residing in the municipality, including members of diplomatic and consular missions and international organisations, and family members forming part of their household, who have been notified to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.**

Oslo Municipality will coordinate the vaccination of members of embassy staff and their family members notified by the MFA in Oslo, Bærum and Asker. Diplomatic missions are therefore kindly requested to send the

following information to the e-mail address

heidi.kalkvik@hel.oslo.kommune.no:

1. One point of contact for the diplomatic mission (e-mail address and telephone number)
2. The total number of people to be vaccinated at the diplomatic mission (regardless of whether they fall into the current prioritised groups or not), and which municipalities they are residing in
3. The number of people who fall into each category of risk group as determined by the recommendations (priorities) from the NIPH (please see [Hvem kan få koronavaksine? - FHI](#) in Norwegian or [Who will get the coronavirus vaccine? - NIPH \(fhi.no\)](#) in English, and which municipalities they are residing in.

Mission are recommended to report this information as soon as possible and not later than Monday 18 January, using the table underneath or equivalent.

Name of Mission					
Contact at Mission: Name, title, phone number and email					
	Total no.	No. with residence in Oslo	No. with residence in Bærum	No. with residence in Asker	No. with other residence (please specify)
No. personnel in group 1					
No. personnel in group 2					
No. personnel in group 3					
No. personnel in group 4					
No. personnel in group 5					
No. personnel in group 6					
No. personnel in group 7					
No. personnel in group 8					
No. personnel in group 9					
No. personnel not in risk group					
No. personnel to be vaccinated (total)					

For reasons of privacy, personal information beyond the number of persons and their municipality of residence should not be conveyed in the first instance.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Heads of Mission resident in Norway the assurance of its highest consideration. *MR*

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