



Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines have been approved for use in the UK and are available in Northern Ireland.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), an independent expert group, has recommended that the HSC offers vaccination first to those at highest risk of catching the infection and of suffering serious complications if they catch the infection.

This includes frontline health and social care workers, care home residents and staff, and those with certain clinical conditions. When more vaccine becomes available, the vaccines will be offered to other people at risk as soon as possible.

The vaccines have met strict standards of safety, quality and effectiveness set out by the independent Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

While vaccination may help protect you from coronavirus, it's still important to follow social distancing guidance and other restrictions to keep each other safe.

Information materials on the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme are available for download [here](#).

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