

Are you eligible for vaccination?

Are you a foreigner residing in Slovakia and wondering, if you can get vaccine against Covid-19? We have prepared Q&A which can help you to find out!

Are foreigners entitled to be vaccinated against covid-19 in Slovakia?

Yes, foreigners living in Slovakia are entitled for vaccine against Covid-19 provided they fulfil the conditions of the specific vaccination phase and they have public health insurance or are EU/EEA nationals residing in Slovakia.

The vaccines are provided free of charge by the State and vaccination process (administration of vaccines) is covered by the public health insurance.

Currently, Slovakia vaccinates people **based on their age**, meaning that people who are in their senior age are entitled to get vaccine due to their vulnerability. Different age levels receive different vaccines. People who **are 60 -69 years old receive AstraZeneca vaccine and people who are 70 years old and older receive vaccine by Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna.**

Also, health care workers, care-homes workers and other related professions as defined under the 1st vaccination phase are entitled for vaccination. If you are working at the hospital, care home or you are otherwise affiliated with health care of social care, please ask your employer or contractor if you are eligible for vaccination.



What is the public health insurance?

Public health insurance is in general mandatory for every individual who has permanent residency in the Slovak Republic. Public health insurance is also compulsory for certain person who **does not have permanent residency** in Slovakia. Please find out more about public health insurance at the IOM website.

Public health insurance in Slovakia is provided by insurance companies Všeobecná zdravotná poisťovňa, Dôvera a Union.

Unfortunately, vaccination against covid-19 is currently **not available to people who are not part of public health insurance** (i.e. are insured "commercially") or are not EU/EEA citizens. There is no scheme for self-payers.

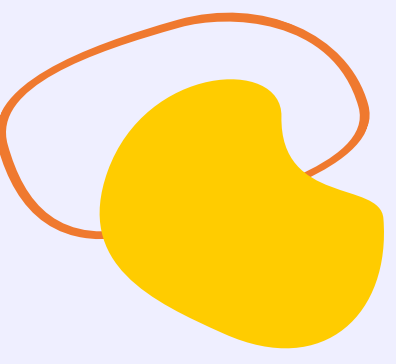
Also person, who is indebted with the public health insurance and therefore entitled for emergency health care only, will not get vaccine at this time. In the case you have a debt with the public health insurance company; you need to sort this out firstly in order to be qualified for full health care coverage and thus vaccination.

What is the vaccination plan and how do I find if I qualify?

Slovakia has set up vaccination plan, which defines priority groups for vaccination against covid-19. Vaccination is voluntary and free of charge.

Vaccination plan divides priority groups based on their profession and age. Current priority groups include health care workers, care-homes workers and related staff and persons above the age of 60 years.

Vaccination plan and its phases have been changed several times and now the age levels are strictly followed. To determine if you qualify for the vaccination based on your age, please follow websites: www.korona.gov.sk or www.slovenskoproticovidu.sk Please note that not all the information are provided in English or other languages. You can also follow English speaking



media such as the Slovak Spectator or Radio Slovakia International who monitor and report about changes.

Also, you shall discuss vaccination and your eligibility with your GP who can advise not only on the phases, but also consult your current health status and effects of vaccination.

Which vaccines are being used in Slovakia?

Slovakia currently uses 3 vaccines:

- **Comirnaty by Pfizer/BioNTech:** currently administered for persons above 70 years, health care workers and care homes staff and clients.
- **Moderna vaccine:** currently administered for persons above 70 years, health care workers and care homes staff and clients.
- **AstraZeneca:** currently administered for persons 60y-69 years old.

Johnson and Johnson vaccine: has been approved by the EU on 11 March 2021 and currently it is not clear when the first doses will be delivered to Slovakia.

Sputnik vaccine: has not yet received approval by EMA/EU and Slovakia does not use it currently for vaccination.

More information about vaccines is available here:

<https://www.slovenskoproticovidu.sk/en/vsetko-o-ockovani/vaccines>

How do I register for vaccination?

Currently, Slovakia requires person eligible for vaccination to undergo online self-registration based on time-slots available in specific vaccination centres. The registration form is available here:

<https://www.old.korona.gov.sk/covid-19-vaccination-form.php>





Soon, the system of online “waiting room” shall be opened. This will mean that based on eligibility for vaccination phase, person will register his/her wish for vaccination at online waiting room without choosing specific date and once new time-slots will be opened, the system will automatically provide registration. You will be notified about date, time and place of vaccination by sms and email. This new system will help with registration for people who do not have possibility to follow opening of new time slots and would help them to get the registration. The system shall be announced in upcoming days.

Currently there is no option for OFFLINE registration. However, some municipalities and hospitals offer help with registration. Please follow their website based on the area of your residence to learn more.

More about vaccination process is available here:

<https://www.slovenskoproticovidu.sk/en/vsetko-o-ockovani/vaccination-process>

Where are the vaccination centres?

Vaccination centres are currently at the hospitals, health care centres or run by municipalities. The list of vaccination centres is available here:

<https://www.health.gov.sk/Clanok?vakcinacne-centra-zoznam>

During the registration process you will be available to choose the vaccination centre.

Refugees, persons with subsidiary protection and asylum seekers and vaccination

Persons with international protection and asylum seekers are not included in any of the priority phases of the vaccination plan. However, refugees and subsidiary protection holders, who are entitled for public health insurance, can register for vaccination based on their age or employment.

There is no information available about the vaccination of asylum seekers.