

To: Community Pharmacies
Contracted to the Covid-19
Moderna booster Service

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Dear Colleague,

Community Pharmacies contracted to provide COVID-19 Moderna vaccine booster doses are encouraged to proceed to vaccinate the patients eligible for this service.

Eligible patients

1. Must present no earlier than six months after completion of the primary vaccine course (for most people this will be two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine)
and
2. Must be frontline health and social care workers who operate in a 'patient facing' role and where relevant are in receipt of a letter from a qualifying body
or
3. All patients who are **50 years of age and older**.

When undertaking booster vaccinations the priority for vaccination is as follows:

- 1) Frontline Health and social Care Workers
- 2) Persons aged 50 and over

Qualifying bodies

As an interim position the qualifying bodies for this service defined by the DH are listed below:

Arm's length Bodies

• Voluntary ambulance crew working in support of the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Trust	Letter required for vaccine
• Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion service NIBTS	Letter required for vaccine
• Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority RQIA	Letter required for vaccine
• Domiciliary care workers	No letter required
• Community Optometry workers	Letter required for vaccine
• Community Dental workers	Letter required for vaccine
• Community Pharmacy staff ¹	Letter required for vaccine
• Independent AHP	Letter required for vaccine
• Hospice care staff	Letter required for vaccine

Also

• Funeral directors	Letter required for vaccine
• Nursing and residential care home staff	No letter required

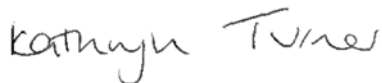
¹ Staff from those Community Pharmacies who are not contracted to the CPVS

This listing is provisional and will be amended as necessary. Pharmacists proceeding to vaccinate patients, should where relevant, evidence the letter authorising the booster dose, from the relevant body. In all cases patients should provide appropriate I.D. see Appendix 3 of COVID-19 Community Pharmacy Vaccination Service (COVID-CPVS) dated October 2021.

If you have any queries in relation to this service please contact:

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Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kathryn Turner in cursive script.

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