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Dear Colleagues

## **Covid-19 Vaccination programme for General Ophthalmic Services**

I appreciate that the start of the Covid-19 vaccination programme is a cause for great hope but that the rapid development has also lead to uncertainty about the detail of the programme.

I am writing to assure you that all General Ophthalmic Services staff will be offered the covid-19 vaccination but that the current limited vaccine supply means the Department of Health is working through a prioritisation list which will include frontline HSC staff and care home staff and residents.

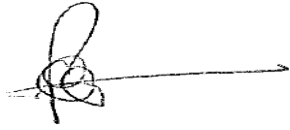
The exact timing of vaccination plans will be subject to vaccine availability and there is further detail about priority groups in the [latest Chief Medical Officer letter](#).

You will appreciate that this is a fast moving and changing situation but we're committed to keeping you informed and updated about next steps.

Colleagues in the Department of Health and Trusts are working to roll out the vaccination programme, including the development of an online booking system. Further information about how to access vaccinations will be issued in the coming weeks.

Please be patient as this new system gets established. It will take some time for the vaccination programme to roll out across health and social care employees, patients and the wider public.

Yours sincerely,

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