VACCINATION AGAINST CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DID YOU KNOW?

The vaccine works to prepare your immune system to fight the coronavirus (COVID-19) if you are exposed to it.

There are 3 types of the vaccine available in Malta – **Pfizer, Moderna and Astra Zeneca.**

Most of the vaccines that have been authorised need to be given in two doses.

The vaccine will be given **free of charge** and will be **available from government entities only**.

All Maltese citizens and all residents of Malta with a valid residency card/ documentation are eligible for the vaccine.

After considerable testing, the vaccine was found **to be safe and can be given to people from 16 years of age upwards.**

It **CANNOT be given to children up to 15 years of age, pregnant women and those who had anaphylactic reactions t**o other vaccines.

The vaccine is **effective against the normal coronavirus (COVID-19)** but less effective against its variants.

Side effects are few and consist of a sore arm, fever, aches and pains, fatigue and other usual reactions to vaccines.

The vaccine will **reduce your chances of contracting** coronavirus (COVID-19). If you do get infected, **it will be mild and you will be less able to transmit the virus to others**.

While an effective vaccine will help reduce the spread of COVID-19, **you must still wear masks, socially distance, wash hands, and follow other health control measures** issued by Public Health. **Maintain all infection control measures even after you get the vaccine to help stop the spread!**

If you have queries regarding whether you should take the vaccine in view of your medical condition, you should discuss with your doctor, call the COVID-19 vaccine helpline on 145 or send an email to covid-vaccine @gov.mt

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