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WHY SHOULD I RETURN FOR MY SECOND DOSE OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE?



If you only take the first dose, you will have less effectiveness and immunity against COVID. Taking both doses is critical in helping to protect you from developing serious complications from COVID-19.





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HOW WILL PERSONS KNOW WHEN IT IS TIME FOR THE SECOND DOSE?

Persons will be notified of the date by a phone call or an email. This date may or may not be different from the one on the blue card depending on the circumstances.





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**HOW DO PERSONS REGISTER IF THEY
HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE FIRST
DOSE OF VACCINE?**



The National Vaccination Programme recently piloted a new online registration system. As soon as an additional supply of vaccine arrives, the public will be notified of the process.





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WHY ARE AUTHORITIES SAYING “APPOINTMENTS ONLY”, BUT THERE ARE SO MANY WALK-INS?

Our policy is appointments only. However, in an effort to ensure that everyone is vaccinated, walk-ins are accommodated depending on the numbers in attendance.





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IF I HAVE TO TRAVEL FOR WORK OR AN
EMERGENCY, CAN I HAVE MY SECOND
DOSE VACCINATION EARLIER?

Yes. You must call
536-2260
to arrange this.





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IF I GOT MY FIRST VACCINE FROM
ANOTHER COUNTRY, CAN I GET
MY SECOND DOSE IN BARBADOS?

Yes, but you must call the Vaccine Planning
Unit at 536-2260 for a special appointment.





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WHAT CAN I EXPECT (SIDE EFFECTS) AFTER I HAVE RECEIVED MY FIRST SHOT OF THE VACCINE?



The side effects differ according to individuals but are mostly mild.

They may include: pain at the injection site, fatigue, fever or flu like symptoms.





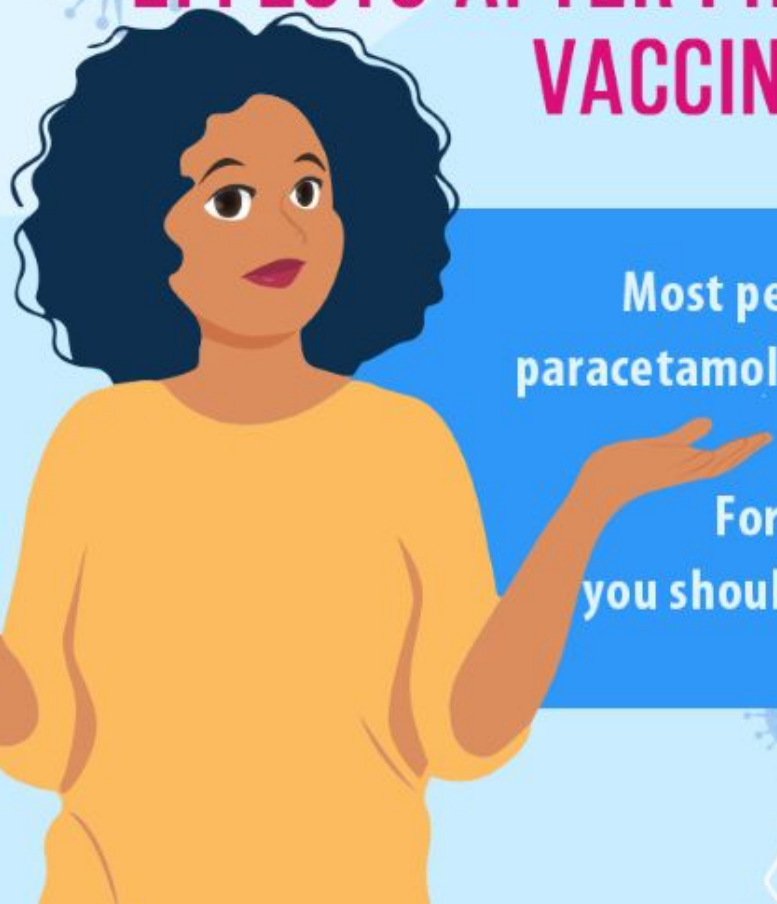
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WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE SIDE EFFECTS AFTER I HAVE LEFT THE VACCINE SITE?



Most persons are advised to take paracetamol as prescribed by a doctor to treat pain and fever. For more severe side effects, you should seek medical attention.



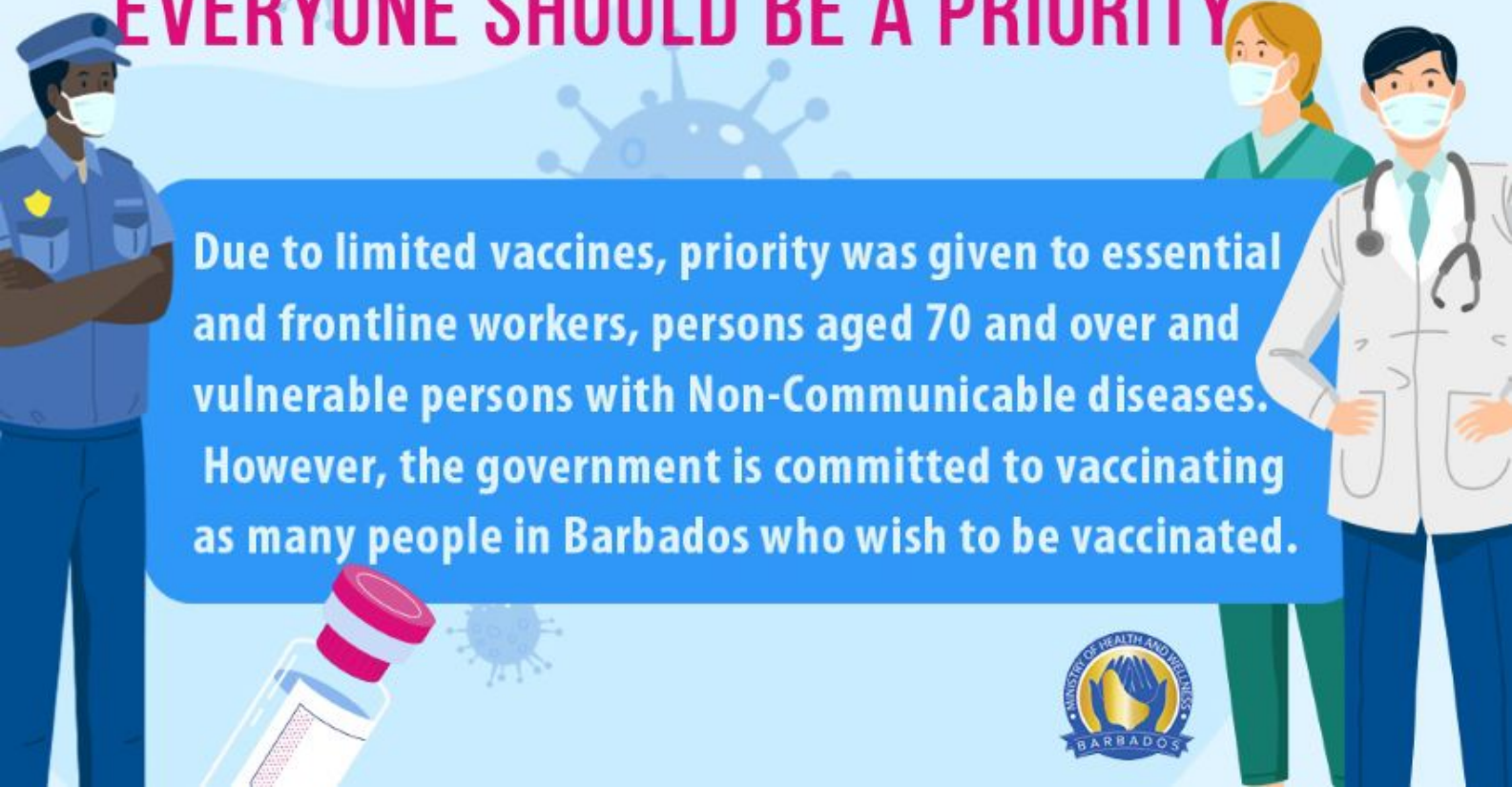


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WHY DO I KEEP HEARING THAT PRIORITY GROUPS ARE BEING VACCINATED? EVERYONE SHOULD BE A PRIORITY



Due to limited vaccines, priority was given to essential and frontline workers, persons aged 70 and over and vulnerable persons with Non-Communicable diseases. However, the government is committed to vaccinating as many people in Barbados who wish to be vaccinated.





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WE HAVE BEEN HEARING MUCH ABOUT
NEW APPOINTMENT SYSTEMS AND
APPS. IS THIS ACTUALLY WORKING?

The appointment web portal was recently piloted, this worked well, but we are working on enhancing the system. It will be opened when more vaccines arrive.





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WHY DO I HAVE TO WAIT 3 TO 6 MONTHS AFTER TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 BEFORE I CAN GET THE VACCINE?

If you have had COVID-19, it is advisable to wait at least 90 days after being discharged from treatment before getting the vaccine. This allows your immune system to be ready to respond to the vaccine.



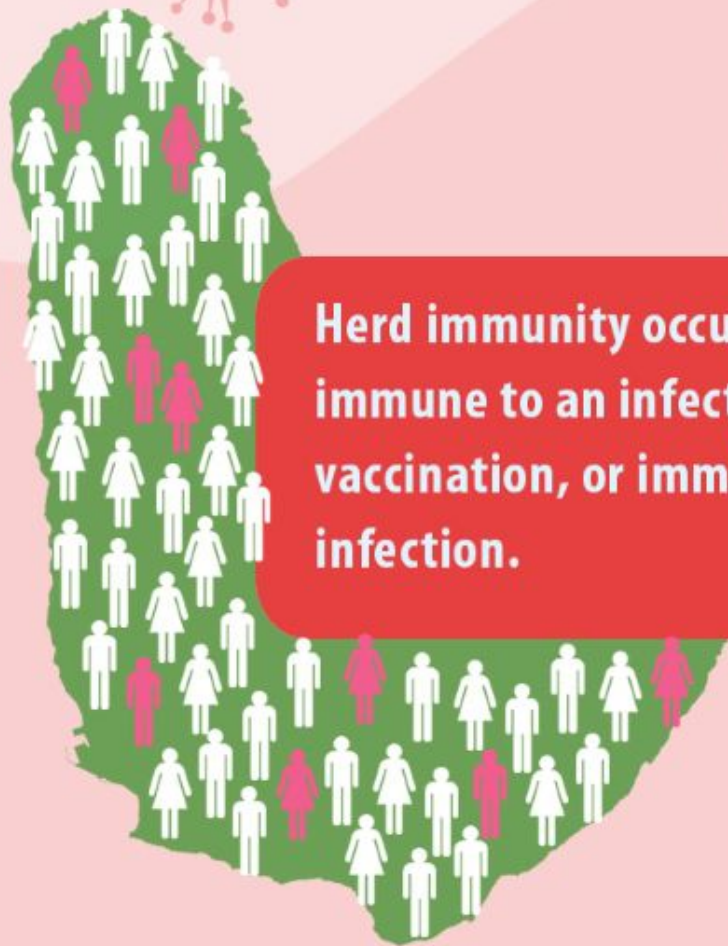


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WHAT IS HERD IMMUNITY?



Herd immunity occurs when a population becomes immune to an infectious disease either through vaccination, or immunity developed by previous infection.





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WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION NEEDS TO BE VACCINATED FOR BARBADOS TO REACH HERD IMMUNITY?



It is estimated that to achieve herd immunity, 80% of the adult population of Barbados should have received both doses of the vaccine.





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WHO SHOULD NOT GET THE VACCINE?



People who have known allergies to any of the components of the vaccine.

