

WPE HANDOUT: STOP COVID-19 / VACCINE ASSIST



1. Introduce the topic:

- The more people who are vaccinated and follow all preventative measures, the sooner we can beat COVID-19.
- If as many people as possible are vaccinated, the virus will find it difficult to spread as most people will already be protected against it.
- The Vaccine Assist Programme is designed to help you understand and stay up-to-date on all the information you need to make good decisions about vaccination.



2. Top five things you need to know:

1. We can beat COVID-19 if we follow the preventative measures: get vaccinated, wear a mask, practice social distancing, and wash hands often.
2. Following these measures gives us the best chance of getting our families, communities, schools and workplaces “back to normal” sooner.
3. The Vaccine Assist Programme aims to help you and the organisation you work for be ready for the national vaccination rollout so that as many employees as possible can be vaccinated as soon as they are eligible.
4. There is a lot of misinformation and myth circulating about vaccines, so it is really important that people understand the facts, and the importance of using this vital preventative tool in the fight against COVID-19.
5. The Vaccine Assist Programme consists of three elements:
 - **ASSESS:** You will be asked to complete a questionnaire. Your responses will help us provide you with relevant education and information about when you are eligible for vaccination. Your responses will remain absolutely confidential at all times and will never be shared with your employer or any other third party.
 - **EDUCATE:** We have designed a range of educational material to help you understand vaccines in general, as well as the national COVID-19 vaccination rollout. We will be using your responses to the Assess Questionnaire to help us further develop the material that is relevant to you and your colleagues. That is why completing the Questionnaire is so important!
 - **ADVISE:** Our contact centre of trained counsellors and healthcare professionals is available to answer your questions and provide advice about the national COVID-19 vaccination programme. The contact centre is available at 0800 24 36 72 on weekdays between 8AM and 5PM, and on weekends between 8AM and 1PM. You can also contact us via WhatsApp on 082 735 4472



3. Points to discuss with the group:

- How do you think the Vaccine Assist Programme will help you?
- Why do you think vaccination is considered so important for fighting COVID-19?