

**Statement from ISPGM welcoming vaccination against COVID-19  
for nursing home residents and staff**

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Older people, and in particular those who are residents in nursing homes, are the group most susceptible to severe harm and death from infection with coronavirus. Vaccination represents a critically important opportunity to protect residents of nursing home from death and hospitalization, and needs to be offered to residents and staff in nursing homes as a matter of the most urgent priority.

The safety profile from studies published in major journals provides reassurance as to the benefits provided by vaccination. The Irish Society of Physicians in Geriatric Medicine urges all residents and those involved in their care to avail of this most important protection, and would seek to reassure families and friends that this is an important step forward in the care of those they cherish.

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