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Protocol Directorate of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office presents its compliments to all diplomatic missions, consulates and international organisations and has the honour to provide further details on Her Majesty's Government's COVID-19 vaccines programme.

On 11 January, Her Majesty's Government published its delivery plan setting out the framework for the largest vaccination programme in British history. The plan is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-covid-19-vaccines-delivery-plan/uk-covid-19-vaccines-delivery-plan>.

All accredited/appointed foreign diplomats, employees of International Organisations and dependants who are resident in the UK have access to the NHS. Those registered with a General Practitioner (GP) will be offered a vaccine in line with the advice set out by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). If you are not currently registered with a GP, you will need to register in order to be included in the NHS programme. Please do not contact the NHS to seek a vaccine. The NHS will contact you. Further information is available here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/>

The order in which people will be offered the vaccine is based on advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). This schedule applies to all, without exception. As of 15 January, the vaccine is being offered to people aged 80 and over; people who live or work in care homes; and health and social care workers at high risk. The vaccine will be offered more widely as soon as possible, with updates published on the NHS website at the link provided above. The delivery plan envisages all adults being offered vaccination by the autumn.

Her Majesty's Government would like to thank the diplomatic community for their continued understanding and support to help the UK manage the COVID-19 pandemic and would like to assure you that application of COVID-19 regulations is done without prejudice to any immunity from jurisdiction or inviolability that an individual might enjoy otherwise than by the operation of these regulations.

More detailed information to support understanding and implementation of all of the current COVID-19 related regulations will follow this Note Verbale. It will be made available on our webpages at www.protocol.fco.gov.uk. In addition, diplomatic missions, consulates and international organisations should continue to refer to Her Majesty's Government guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> for further information on other aspects of the current Covid-19 related restrictions.

Protocol Directorate of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all diplomatic missions and international organisations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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