

# Coronavirus pandemic in the EU – Fundamental Rights implications

## National vaccine deployment

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# 1 National vaccine deployment – planning and overview of priority groups

In Greece, the national vaccine deployment plan was published for the first time on 19.11.2020 and was titled “National Plan of Vaccination Coverage for Covid-19”<sup>1</sup>. This plan included a general overview of the three vaccination phases and did not provide any details on the age group breakdown or information on the dates each category would start being vaccinated.

On 23.12.2021, in the context of the National Vaccination Campaign, the Greek Ministry of Health published the “National Vaccination Operational Plan against COVID-19”<sup>2</sup> where the three vaccination phases were broken down in ten sub-categories and more information about the storage, the distribution and the administration of the vaccines was included.

The most recent vaccination plan publicly available is titled “Vaccination prioritisation against Covid-19”. It was last updated on 18 February 2021. The most up-to date Greek national vaccine deployment plan can be found in Greek following this link: <https://emvolio.gov.gr/proteraiopoiisi-emvoliasmoy-kata-tis-covid-19>

*Please provide information on the planned phases of vaccination with respect to the groups to be prioritised for vaccination.*

<b>Specific groups identified in the national vaccine deployment plan</b>	<b>Date of plan</b>	<b>Date of new/revised plans</b>
<p><i>older persons; indicate age groups specified:</i></p> <p><i>&gt;60 years old</i></p> <p><i>(subcategories’ breakdown in turn: &gt;85 years old &gt;80 years old &gt;75 years old &gt;70 years old)</i></p>	<p>23.12.2020 2nd phase</p>	
<p><i>persons with underlying health problems</i></p>	<p>23.12.2020 2nd phase</p>	<p>18.02.2021:</p>

<sup>1</sup> Greece, Ministry of Health, 18.11.2020, “National Plan of Vaccination Coverage for Covid-19”, Available in Greek at: <https://covid19.gov.gr/ethniko-schedio-emvoliastikis-kalypsis-gia-covid-19/>

<sup>2</sup> Ministry of Health, “National Vaccination Operational Plan against COVID-19”, 23.12.2020, Available in Greek at: [https://emvolio.gov.gr/sites/default/files/ethniko\\_epiheirisiako\\_shedio\\_emvoliasmon\\_kata\\_toy\\_covid-19\\_v6.1\\_1.pdf?t=1](https://emvolio.gov.gr/sites/default/files/ethniko_epiheirisiako_shedio_emvoliasmon_kata_toy_covid-19_v6.1_1.pdf?t=1)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Priority given to people with high risk underlying health conditions irrespective of age over people with increased risk underlying health conditions aged 18-59</li> </ul>
<i>persons with disabilities</i>	23.12.2020 Not specified	18.2.2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons with disabilities over 16 years old attending school</li> </ul>
<i>key workers (on the basis of their job not their personal characteristics) – e.g. health workers; persons working in care homes; teachers</i>	23.12.2020 1st phase: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Health and social services staff including medical and paramedical staff working in hospitals, health clinics, private health practices</li> <li>- Staff of nursing homes</li> <li>- Staff of care structures for the chronically ill and rehabilitation centres</li> <li>- Priority staff for critical functions of the Government</li> </ul> 2nd phase: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Priority staff for critical functions of the State</li> </ul>	18.02.2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Teachers up to 59 years of age working in Primary, Secondary and Higher education and workers in Nurseries</li> <li>- 7000 teachers and staff in special schools</li> </ul>
<i>persons belonging to ethnic/national minorities</i>	Not specified	Not specified
<i>persons experiencing homelessness</i>	Not specified	Not specified

<i>persons with drug addiction dependencies</i>	Not specified	Not specified
<i>persons with low literacy levels</i>	Not specified	Not specified
<i>persons deprived of their liberty</i>	Not specified	Not specified
<i>persons without residence or with insecure legal status (such as refugees, asylum seekers, and undocumented migrants)</i>	Not specified	Not specified
<b><i>OTHER –</i></b> <i>-People aged 18-59 living in overcrowded facilities*</i> <i>-People in close contact with animals that may carry mutated strains of the SARS-CoV-2 virus</i>	Not specified	18.02.2021
<i>-People over 18 years old</i>	23.12.2020 3d phase	

\*There has been no reference to the specific type of facilities this refers to

In Greece, overall, the priority groups have remained roughly the same since the first announcement of the vaccination plan with the following exceptions:

On 15.02.2021, vaccination commenced in Greece for those aged 75-79. On the same day, vaccination commenced for the age group 60-64, utilising the AstraZeneca vaccine. The National Vaccination Committee approved the AstraZeneca vaccine for people younger than 65 years of age, due to the lack of data on its administration to people over the age of 65. This meant that during the same period, it was possible for the age groups 60-64 and 75-79 to be vaccinated. There were not enough Pfizer/BioNTech vaccines for the next age group (65-74) at the time and thus the vaccination proceeded with Astrazeneca for the groups it was sufficiently tested on.<sup>3</sup>

On 18.02.2021, four new categories were added:

- Article I. People aged 18-59 living in overcrowded facilities
- People in close contact with animals that may carry mutated strains of the SARS-CoV-2 virus
  - Teachers up to 59 years of age working in Primary, Secondary and Higher education and workers in Nurseries
  - Persons with disabilities over 16 years old attending school

<sup>3</sup> COVID-19 Health System Response Monitor, Greece, 28.02.2021, "28/02/2021: Update on Planning services by Charalampos Economou, Daphne Kaitelidou, Olympia Konstantakopoulou, Lilian Venetia Vildiridi", Available in English at: <https://www.covid19healthsystem.org/countries/greece/livinghit.aspx?Section=3.1%20Planning%20services&Type=Section#8PlanningServices>

In addition, the plan dated 18.02.2021 provides a more detailed breakdown of the phases, dividing them into nine, rather than three which was the initial categorisation. The new categorisation is as follows:

1. a. Health and social services staff
  - b. Patients and staff in clinics for the chronically ill, recovery and rehabilitation centers, social welfare centers, day care centers and day care centers
  - c. Teachers, staff and students (aged 16 and over) of special schools and creative employment centers for children with disabilities
  - d. `People who come into contact with animals that may carry mutated strains of the SARS-CoV-2 virus
  - e. Individuals important for ensuring the functioning and continuity of the state
2. People aged 85 and over
3. People aged 80 and over
4. People aged 75 and over
5. a. People with underlying diseases at high risk (regardless of age \*)
  - b. People aged 70 and over
6. People aged 65 and over
7. a. People aged 60 and over
  - b. People aged 18-59 with underlying diseases at increased risk. The vaccine may also be given to people aged 16-17 if a licensed vaccine is available for people aged 16 and over.
8. a. Teachers up to 59 years of age Primary, Secondary and Tertiary education and employees in Nurseries
  - b. Staff of services of critical areas of state operation
  - c. People aged 18-59 living in group living structures with high cohesiveness
9. People 18-59 years old without underlying diseases which fall into the above categories (priority based on age: 55-59 years old, then 50-54 years old, 45-49 years old, etc.)

On 01.03.2021, according to the General Secretary of Primary Health Care, Mr MariosThemistokleous, the entire populations of some Greek islands had already been vaccinated given their small numbers, the importance of the islands to the Greek economy and the intricacies of setting up the vaccination centres in remote islands. The vaccination of the population on the Greek islands started on 11.01.2021. The island vaccination plan is a complex scheme taking into account the distinctive geographical characteristics of the island regions and was organised in four stages. The first phase includes 18 islands where the National Health

System hospitals operate. Vaccinations for health care workers started on 11th January and for residents on 18th January. The second phase included 13 islands with a population of over 3,500 permanent residents. Vaccinations started on January 28 for residents aged over 80 years and continue with other age groups. The third phase involves 19 islands with a population between 1,000 – 3,500 permanent residents. Vaccinations started on 10th February with the participation of all age groups – especially individuals over 60 years – and vulnerable groups. The fourth phase affects 42 islands with a population of less than 1,000 permanent residents. Vaccinations on these small islands will be carried out with the assistance of the Ministry of Interior and local authorities and concern all individuals over 18 years old. The vaccination scheme launched on 27th January in the small island of Kastelorizo.<sup>4</sup>

In Greece, according to the President of the National Vaccination Committee, Emerita Professor Maria Theodoridou, the criteria by which the prioritisation was formed are the following<sup>5</sup>:

1. Increased risk of manifesting severe illness due to Covid-19. Old age is the number one risk factor for severe illness and as such, age was defined as a priority criterion.
2. Increased risk due to exposure to the virus. The main group that is exposed and is at serious risk of exposure to the virus are the health care staff and thus being a healthcare staff member was defined as a priority criterion.
3. Overall vulnerability to infection and illness due to living conditions and other chronic illnesses.

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<sup>4</sup> Greece, Public Health National Organization, Press Release, 01.03.2021, "Briefing of accredited journalists on the National Vaccination Coverage Plan for COVID-19 by the President of the National Vaccination Committee Maria Theodoridou and the Secretary General Primary Health Care Mario Themistocleous", Available in Greek at: <https://eody.gov.gr/enimerosi-20210301/>

<sup>5</sup> Greece, Public Health National Organization, Press Release, 29.12.2020, "Briefing of accredited journalists on the National Vaccination Coverage Plan for COVID-19 by the President of the National Vaccination Committee Maria Theodoridou and the Secretary General Primary Health Care Mario Themistocleous", Available in Greek at: <https://eody.gov.gr/enimerosi-20201228/>

## **2 Vaccination rollout – communication, targeted outreach, registration, and administration of vaccinations**

### **2.1 Channels, means and measures to inform about the national vaccination plan**

On 22.12.2021, the Greek government launched the National Vaccination Campaign to promote the vaccination rollout and ensure the spread of accurate information.<sup>6</sup>

In the context of the National Vaccination Campaign, the Greek Ministry of Health published the “Freedom” operation<sup>7</sup> on 11.01.2021, a scheme detailing the vaccination phases, distribution, storage and other relevant data.

The Greek Ministry of Health also engaged platforms such as YouTube<sup>8</sup> and TV stations by uploading short videos and promotion spots to inform the public about the vaccination plan and emphasise the importance of the vaccine for the fight against Covid-19. The short videos on YouTube as well as the TV spots are all in Greek, no subtitles or options for other languages’ audio or visual are provided and no special attention has been given to accessible formats such as sign language.

From 18.11.2020, the President of the Greek National Vaccination Committee and the General Secretary of Primary Health started a weekly update on national television specifically dedicated to informing the public about any issues surrounding the national vaccination plan, the vaccination rollout and any important international or national developments.<sup>9</sup> These live updates provide simultaneous sign language interpretation.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Greece, Hellenic Regulatory Body of Nurses, Press Release, 22.12.2021, Available in Greek at: <http://enne.gr/18566>

<sup>7</sup> Ministry of Health, National Vaccination Operational Plan against COVID-19, Available in Greek at: [https://emvolio.gov.gr/sites/default/files/ethniko\\_epiheirisiako\\_shedio\\_emvoliasmon\\_kata\\_toy\\_covid-19\\_v6.1\\_1.pdf?t=1](https://emvolio.gov.gr/sites/default/files/ethniko_epiheirisiako_shedio_emvoliasmon_kata_toy_covid-19_v6.1_1.pdf?t=1)

<sup>8</sup> Greece, 2021, Youtube channel of the Greek Ministry of Health, available here: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCewpoSHHNBz0-vVhR\\_ZOKYA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCewpoSHHNBz0-vVhR_ZOKYA)

<sup>9</sup> Greece, Public Health National Organization, Press Release, 18.11.2021, “Presentation of a National Plan for the vaccination coverage of the population for COVID-19 by the Minister of Health Vassilis Kikilias, the President of the National Vaccination Committee Maria Theodoridou and the General Secretary PFY Mario Themistocleous”, Available in Greek at: <https://eody.gov.gr/paroysiati-ethnikoy-schediay-gia-tin-emvoliastiki-kalypsi-toy-plithysmoy-gia-tin-covid-19-apo-ton-ypoyrgo-ygeias-vasili-kikilia-tin-proedro-tis-ethnikis-epitropis-emvoliasmon-maria-theodoridou-kai-to/>

<sup>10</sup> Greece, YouTube Channel of the Greek Government, 2021, Example of weekly TV live update on the National plan for the vaccination coverage, 05.04.2021, available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qarkDSvHI00>



## 2.2 What are the (pre-) registration channels for vaccination put in place?

On 11.01.2021, the dedicated website for the Greek vaccination program was launched,<sup>11</sup> providing information and a tool to access the appointment management applications. The information is in Greek and does not provide accessible formats for people with disabilities. There has been no indication in the media or the press releases of the Ministry of Digital Governance about whether accessible formats to this kind of information will be provided at a later stage.

In Greece, anyone can check if they are eligible to be vaccinated at any given time by choosing any of the following ways:

- With the use of internet, via the website [emvolio.gov.gr](http://emvolio.gov.gr), by filing a form using their Social Security Number (AMKA) ,in combination with their surname and Greek Tax Identification Number, or
- By sending a text message to 13034 with the Social Security Number and surname;
- People already registered to the public electronic system administering medical prescriptions will receive a text message on their mobile phone automatically from 13034 to inform them that it is their turn to be vaccinated and a provisional appointment date will be sent to them. The people who are sent an automatic message will have the possibility to change the date of the vaccine appointment if they wish.

People who do not hold a Social Security Number can obtain one for the purposes of the vaccine registration by attending a citizens service centre (KEP).<sup>12</sup>

Appointment registration for people who are eligible to be vaccinated at that given time:

1. Via the online platform [emvolio.gov.gr](http://emvolio.gov.gr):
  - Using TAXISnet codes (credentials for use in several Greek Government e-services, such as tax returns), and Social Security Number to obtain access to available vaccination dates, locations and time slots to choose from;
  - For two-dose vaccines, users secure both appointments;

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<sup>11</sup> Website: [emvolio.gov.gr](http://emvolio.gov.gr)

<sup>12</sup> COVID-19 Health System Response Monitor, Greece, 28.02.2021, "28/02/2021: Update on Planning services by Charalampos Economou, Daphne Kaitelidou, Olympia Konstantakopoulou, Lilian Venetia Vildiridi", Available in English at: <https://www.covid19healthsystem.org/countries/greece/livinghit.aspx?Section=3.1%20Planning%20services&Type=Section#8PlanningServices>

2. People who do not have access to internet services or do not hold TAXISnet credentials can schedule their vaccination appointment at pharmacies or citizens service centres (KEP). If a person can't physically attend then the registration can also be completed by a representative with the required documentation (social security number, mobile phone number, and a copy of the applicant's ID document). There has been no clarification around this possibility of registering for an appointment through a representative for people without identity documents. 3. People registered to the e-prescription system will automatically receive a text message on their mobile phone from 13034 when they become eligible for vaccination.

- The text message will indicate the appointment reference number, the date & time of vaccination and the recommended vaccination centre. The closest vaccination centre is pre-selected based on the declared Postal Code in the ehealth.gov.gr platform.
- Each person has the opportunity to confirm the pre-booked appointment within 120 hours, either by sending a text message to 13034, or via the platform using TAXISnet credentials.
- In case of no confirmation within 120 hours, the pre-booking is released and the person has the opportunity to later schedule a new appointment through the platform.

Once the appointment is scheduled, people receive – depending on the booking method – an appointment reference number and a QR code along with the appointment details in Greek only. Registered individuals are notified three days ahead of their appointments via email and SMS indicating the exact time and date, including a link with instructions in relation to potential Covid symptoms prior to the vaccine appointment. Registered individuals receive an additional three automated SMS reminders for their appointment (3 days before the appointment, 1 day before the appointment and at 7am on the day of the appointment). Appointments can be modified up to 72 hours before the planned appointment.

## **2.3 How are the vaccinations administered?**

In Greece, according to the "National Plan of Vaccination Coverage for Covid-19"<sup>13</sup>, 1018 vaccination centres were set up throughout Greece to implement the vaccination plan. According to the Greek Minister of Health, 1500 vaccination centres will be fully operational on 05.05.2021.<sup>14</sup>

Most of the vaccination centres are within public Primary Care facilities but the National Public Health Organisation has also provided 100 mobile vaccination

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<sup>13</sup> Greece, Ministry of Health, 18.11.2020, "National Plan of Vaccination Coverage for Covid-19", Available in Greek at: <https://covid19.gov.gr/ethniko-schedio-emvoliastikis-kalypsis-gia-covid-19/>

<sup>14</sup> Greece, Ta Nea, 29.04.2021, "Operation Freedom is accelerating - How 30-49 year olds hold the key to immunity" , Available in Greek at: <https://www.tanea.gr/2021/04/29/greece/epitaxyntai-i-epixeirisi-eleytheria-pos-oi-30-49-eton-kratoun-to-kleidi-tis-anosias/>

units.<sup>15</sup> Four Mega Vaccination Centres have been set up in Athens and Thessaloniki:

- Thessaloniki International Fair exhibition facilities (from 15 February): 108 Vaccination Centres with capacity for 157,248 vaccinations per month
- HELEXPO Exhibition Centre in Athens (from 15 February): 96 Vaccination Centres with capacity for 139,776 vaccinations per month
- TAEKWONDO Stadium in Athens (from 1 March): 64 Vaccination Centres with capacity for 93,184 vaccinations per month
- Peristeri Exhibition Center in Athens (from March 1): 96 Vaccination Centres with capacity for 139,776 vaccinations per month

On 12.01.2021, the Panhellenic Federation of Public Hospital Employees issued a statement denouncing the government's plan to use hospitals as vaccination centres, but the Ministry of Health soon denied the accusation and confirmed that the hospitals were only used as vaccination facilities for the healthcare staff who work there.<sup>16</sup>

The Covid-19 vaccine is free for everyone and all relevant procedures are administered by the Greek government. There are no special charges for people who do not have health insurance coverage. People are not able to select which vaccine they receive.<sup>17</sup> The process is as follows:

- Each person provides the appointment reference number or the QR Code and their identification documentation to the staff of the Vaccination Centres.
- Each person who gets vaccinated is required to fill in a pre-vaccination questionnaire, which includes general and specific health-related questions depending on the vaccine to be administered.

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<sup>15</sup> Greece, Public Health National Organization, Press Release, "Briefing of accredited journalists on the National Vaccination Coverage Plan for COVID-19 by the President of the National Vaccination Committee Maria Theodoridou and the Secretary General Primary Health Care Mario Themistocleous" 09.02.2021, Available in Greek at: <https://eody.gov.gr/enimerosi-diapisteymenon-syntakton-gia-to-ethniko-schedio-emvoliasitikis-kalypsis-kata-tis-covid-19-apo-tin-proedro-tis-ethnikis-epitropis-emvoliasmon-maria-theodoridouy-kai-ton-g-q-protovathmias-fron-2/>

<sup>16</sup> Greece, CNN Greece, 12.01.2021, "Panhellenic Federation of Public Hospital Employees: They turn hospitals into vaccination centers", Available in Greek at: [https://www.cnn.gr/ellada/story/250266/anatropi-emvoliasmoi-enanti-toy-koronoioy-mono-se-nosokomeia?utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR0S2SITF2zB5T1FYaMH-iIZpi5WDAs7a5ALUnqfdfMAnDPOxEEqY\\_habRE#Echobox=1610444924](https://www.cnn.gr/ellada/story/250266/anatropi-emvoliasmoi-enanti-toy-koronoioy-mono-se-nosokomeia?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR0S2SITF2zB5T1FYaMH-iIZpi5WDAs7a5ALUnqfdfMAnDPOxEEqY_habRE#Echobox=1610444924)

<sup>17</sup> COVID-19 Health System Response Monitor, Greece, 28.02.2021, "28/02/2021: Update on Planning services by Charalampos Economou, Daphne Kaitelidou, Olympia Konstantakopoulou, Lilian Venetia Vildiridi", Available in English at: <https://www.covid19healthsystem.org/countries/greece/livinghit.aspx?Section=3.1%20Planning%20services&Type=Section#8PlanningServices>

- Based on the answers, and after the diagnostic process, the doctor makes a decision on whether to proceed with the vaccination and a prescription is issued.
- The Vaccination Centre staff enter the unique number of the vaccine dose used in a special electronic platform set up to ensure traceability.

From 19.02.2021, people who have received both doses of the vaccine can request a digital vaccination certificate.<sup>18</sup>

## 3 Challenges and promising practices

### 3.1 Challenges

According to the Euro Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor, migrants living in refugee camps are more susceptible to Covid-19 than the general Greek population, because of the overcrowding, the impossibility to keep social distancing, the lack of access to water, sanitation and hygiene facilities and the restricted access to healthcare. Euro-Med Monitor calls on Greece to clarify its national vaccination strategy regarding migrants and to guarantee that people experiencing social exclusion and health vulnerabilities or living in high-risk situations, like people on the move, including undocumented migrants, receive immediate access to vaccination.<sup>19</sup> The Greek Minister of Migration and Asylum, Mr Notis Mitarachi, stated that refugees and migrants in camps will be vaccinated according to their age.<sup>20</sup> The Minister also stated, at his interview with news Agency ANA-MPA,<sup>21</sup> that Greece plans to start vaccinating residents and staff in accommodation facilities in May as there is no reason to do so earlier since the relevant data do not show particular spread in the camps.<sup>22</sup> It should be noted

<sup>18</sup> Greece, Ministry of Digital Governance, Press Release, 19.2.2021, "The vaccination certificate against COVID-19 is available from today through gov.gr", available in Greek at: <https://mindigital.gr/archives/2135>

<sup>19</sup> ReliefWeb, Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor, 22.03.2021, "Greece's discriminatory vaccination practices render asylum seekers seriously vulnerable", Available in English at: <https://reliefweb.int/report/greece/greece-s-discriminatory-vaccination-practices-render-asylum-seekers-seriously>

<sup>20</sup> Greece, Capital, 15.02.2021, "N. Mitarachi: Refugees and immigrants will be vaccinated against coronavirus", Available in Greek at: <https://www.capital.gr/epikairota/3525763/n-mitarakis-tha-emboliastoun-kanonika-kata-tou-koronoiou-prosfuges-kai-metanastes>

<sup>21</sup> Greece, Athenian and Macedonian News Agency, website: <https://www.amna.gr/enhttps://www.amna.gr/en/article/540228/Mitarachi-Vaccination-in-hospitality-structures-to-start-in-early-May>

<sup>22</sup> InfoMigrants, 30.03.2021 "Greece: Migrants in camps to be vaccinated in May", Available in English at: <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/31199/greece-migrants-in-camps-to-be-vaccinated-in-may>

that the so-called 'Agnodiki' Plan to prevent a coronavirus outbreak at refugee reception and accommodation centers, has already been put into effect in a timely manner back in March 2020.<sup>23</sup>

## 3.2 Promising practices

In Greece, from the beginning of the vaccination rollout, it was equally possible to register online and through physical attendance to a local pharmacy or a citizen service centre. It also became possible right from the outset, to book a vaccine appointment through proxy; a third party can register someone for vaccination either online or in person bearing the necessary documentation but there is no need for an official power of attorney or form of authority.<sup>24</sup>

Although the vaccination registration platforms rely mainly on the Social Security Number to cross check the data of each person, the Greek authorities made it easy for people without a social security number to obtain one without going through the designated process. Any natural person who does not have a Social Security Number or Temporary Insurance and Health Care Number of a Foreigner (PAAYPE) can request the grant of a temporary number exclusively for the planning of the vaccination against coronavirus COVID-19 and the issuance of a vaccination certificate, through the online service [emvolio.gov.gr](https://emvolio.gov.gr), which is kept at the Unified Digital Portal of the Public Administration ([gov.gr-EIP](https://gov.gr-EIP)).<sup>25</sup>

A Greek Tax Identification Number or TaxisNet codes are not necessary to complete the registration or to check one's eligibility to get the vaccine either.

Another good practice constitutes the vaccination exercise that was implemented in the Korydallos prison and the pre-removal centre of Amygdaleza. On 16.02.2021, it was reported on the news that the detainees of Korydallos prison were vaccinated along with the prison staff<sup>26</sup>. The Ministry of Health reported in its press release that more than 450 detainees were vaccinated in Korydallos prison and Amygdaleza pre-removal centre. Medical and paramedical staff from the locally competent Healthcare Divisions were deployed in a 24-hour operation for the vaccination in the detention centres; it was noted by the Greece Minister

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<sup>23</sup>Greece, Athenian and Macedonian News Agency, [websitehttps://www.amna.gr/en/article/446724/Migration-Ministry-Coronavirus-prevention-plan-for-hotspots-implemented-in-March](https://www.amna.gr/en/article/446724/Migration-Ministry-Coronavirus-prevention-plan-for-hotspots-implemented-in-March)

<sup>24</sup> Greece, GovGr, 2021, "Covid-19 Vaccination Questions / Answers", Q.4, Available in Greek at: <https://emvolio.gov.gr/syxnes-erotiseis>

<sup>25</sup> Greece, Law No 4764/2020, Government Gazette A' 256/23.12.2020, Articles 55 and 57. 5, Available in Greek at: <https://www.e-nomothesia.gr/kat-ygeia/nomos-4764-2020-phek-256a-23-12-2020-1.html>

<sup>26</sup> Greece, IEFimerida, 16.02.2021, "Korydallos Prison: Vaccinations were given today to prisoners and staff", Available in Greek at: <https://www.iefimerida.gr/ellada/embolia-kratoymenoys-prosopiko-fylakes-korydalloy>

of Health that the vaccination staff worked until 3 am to complete the deployment.

In Greece, on 26 March, the Ministry of Education issued a circular setting out the details of a plan of vaccination targeted to staff and teachers in primary and secondary education. This plan concerns the use of undisposed vaccines to teachers and other staff in schools.<sup>27</sup> The interested individuals must fill out solemn declarations in order to take part in this vaccination exercise while the coordination and implementation is allocated to the regional education directories.

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<sup>27</sup> Greece, Ministry of Education, Press Release “26-03-21 Vaccination of teachers with unavailable doses of vaccines in Vaccination Centers”, Available in Greek at: <https://www.minedu.gov.gr/ypapegan/ypour-apof/48189-26-03-21-emvoliasmos-ekpaideftikon-me-adiathetes-doseis-emvolion-se-emvolia-stika-kentra>