

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Information Note : 37/2020

Subject: Staff Health Insurance reimbursement of Covid-19 Vaccines

Distribution: All WHO, IARC, ICC and UNAIDS

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Purpose

The purpose of this information note is to inform all SHI participants of the decision made by the Director-General with regards to the reimbursement of Covid-19 vaccines.

Please note that effective immediately, the Covid-19 vaccines will be reimbursed as follows:

- Reimbursement at 100% under SHI Rule B.150 (please note that this reimbursement is not limited to any USD ceiling, however SHI will apply SHI Rule C.1 on excessive charges if necessary);
- Reimbursement is limited to two (2) doses;
- Requirement of a prescription could be waived in cases where it is administered by a health care provider licensed and authorized to do so by the health authorities of his/her country of practice to the participant concerned.

Participants should ensure that they receive their vaccine through a government approved body (to avoid fraudulent vaccines) and avail of free national vaccination programmes when possible.

Important to note

WHO recommends target groups for priority use of the Covid-19 vaccine, e.g. elderly patients, care workers and patients with comorbidities. For more information on the Covid-19 vaccine, please visit: https://www.who.int/immunization/sage/sage_wg_covid-19/en/.

The SHI Governance is monitoring closely the evolving situation with regards to Covid-19 and will make recommendations to the Director-General as appropriate.

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