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Singapore rolls out vaccination programme to younger age groups

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Singapore is now rolling out the vaccination programme to younger age groups. As they are more familiar with the use of digital technology, the government will no longer be sending personalised letters of invitation to them. Instead the governemnt will adopt a two-step process.

First, all who are eligible can register directly at the vaccine.gov.sg website. Second, the registrants will receive an SMS with a personalised URL enabling them to book their vaccination appointments online.

Singapore will start with persons aged 45 to 59 years old. With immediate effect, everyone in this age group can register their interest for the vaccination at vaccine.gov.sg.

The government is encouraging everyone in this age group who is medically eligible to take up this offer.

Since October 2020, to enable more activities to resume in a safe manner, the Ministry of Health (MOH) has been piloting the use of pre-event testing to reduce the risk of undetected COVID-19 cases being involved in an event.

The country has made good progress since 22 February in vaccinating the seniors, starting first with those aged 70 years and above. With more regular deliveries of vaccine supplies, the government had brought forward the vaccination of seniors aged 60 to 69 years-old by two weeks to mid-March 2021. More than 55% of the seniors have received their vaccination or made appointments to do so.