

Invitation for vaccination against pneumococcal bacteria

Patient name
Patient address
Patient postcode and city

Date

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is an invitation for the pneumococcus jab. Pneumococcus is a bacterium that can make you very ill. You are receiving this invitation because you were born between 1 January 1953 and 31 December 1956.

What does the jab do?

The jab reduces the chances of pneumococcus making you ill. You will be less likely to develop pneumonia. The jab provides 5 years' worth of protection.

When should you call the practice?

- If you have one or more of the following symptoms on the day on which you are due to have your jab: cold, cough, sore throat, temperature above 37.5 degrees, or if you have tested positive for the coronavirus. In such cases, please make a new appointment.
- If you know that you are allergic to the jab.
- If you have already been given the jab within the past 2 years, e.g. while in hospital.
- If you are currently undergoing chemotherapy or have had chemotherapy in the past 3 months.
- If you cannot make the date specified below.

Are there any side effects?

- Your arm might be sensitive and sore after the jab. The site of the jab can become red and swollen. This usually lasts no more than 1 or 2 days.
- You might feel mildly unwell for a few days after having the jab, with muscle aches and fever. Your body is building up its defences against pneumococcus.

Your invitation

You receive the jab free of charge. You can come and get your pneumococcus jab on the following date and time:

Date:
Time:
Location:

- Please bring this letter with you to the appointment.
- You will receive the jab in your upper arm, so please wear clothes that make it easy for you to uncover your upper arm.
- If you have also received an invitation for the flu jab on the same day, please bring both letters with you to the appointment. You will get the flu jab in your other upper arm.

Pneumococcus jab and coronavirus jab

If you also have an appointment for the coronavirus jab, getting the pneumococcus jab and the coronavirus jab at the same time is safe.

Need further information?

- Please read the information on the back of this invitation.
- www.thuisarts.nl/prik-tegen-pneumokokken
- www.rivm.nl/pneumokokkenprik

Or get in touch with your GP surgery. Your GP