

HIV harm reduction services plan for the implementation of COVID-19 safety measures

- Conduct full situational assessment
- Consult community leadership
- Procure hygienic supplies and personal protective equipment
- Adapt services
- Develop information materials
- Train staff

COVID-19 vaccination planning

- Conduct full situational assessment (including regulations, legal barriers)
- Identify and estimate the number of clients who will require vaccination
- Establish links with public health authorities and other partners to be involved in the COVID-19 vaccination planning (consider factors associated with vaccine certificates and data)

Identify suitable pathways to integrate COVID-19 vaccines  
Considering programme resources, estimate needs and assess the policy environment



## Path 3 – Fully integrated vaccination service

**Vaccines are available at the premises, administered by HIV harm reduction service staff**

Key programme elements can be:

- Drop-in vaccination at the service during opening hours
  - Vaccination days/hours
  - Providing required vaccination data to national/local public health systems
  - + Path 1 & 2 activities
- Develop community-led information materials and outreach plan
- Analyse, contact and advocate with external stakeholders and public health authorities
- Put in place agreements and conduct staff training

## Path 2 – Cooperation

**HIV harm reduction service, in partnership with vaccination sites, supports client access to vaccines**

Key programme elements can be:

- COVID-19 vaccination programme co-located at, or positioned close to, HIV harm reduction premises, or regular access to a mobile COVID-19 vaccination programme
  - Peer or HIV harm reduction worker support at COVID-19 vaccination sites
  - Accompanying clients to vaccination sites
  - Involving vaccination partners in events and trainings about COVID-19 vaccines
  - Providing post-vaccine support (information and personal support, e.g., service hotline, online chat etc.)
  - + Path 1 activities
- Develop community-led information materials and outreach plan
- Analyse, contact and advocate with external stakeholders and public health authorities
- Put in place agreements and conduct staff training

## Path 1 – Information and motivation

**HIV harm reduction service motivates clients to get vaccinated, informs clients where they can access vaccination without stigmatization**

Key programme elements can be:

- Information and advice on COVID-19 vaccines
  - Information about vaccination sites – how to get to there, what to bring, and opening hours
  - Information on community-friendly vaccination sites
  - Developing peer-led information materials on COVID-19 vaccines and vaccination sites to fit the local context and the needs of the drug user community
  - Training peer leaders about COVID-19 vaccines
  - Collecting testimonials from vaccinated members of the community and HIV harm reduction workers
  - Supporting clients to register for a vaccine
  - Supporting clients to acquire or store vaccination certificates
  - Provide post-vaccine information (e.g. on potential side-effects)
  - Organizing events about COVID-19 vaccines (e.g. inviting a physician to answer questions about vaccines)
- Develop community-led information materials and outreach plan
- Analyse, contact and advocate with external stakeholders and public health authorities
- Put in place agreements and conduct staff training