

Message from the First Minister

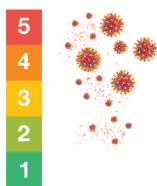
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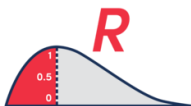
This easy read message from the First Minister is about coronavirus.



Nicola Sturgeon is the First Minister of Scotland.



Since Christmas it has been hard for all of us trying to stop coronavirus spreading.



The new strain spreads more easily. This means we all need to do more to stop it.



It has been hard, but there is hope because of the vaccine.



The vaccine is going to old people and those more vulnerable first. This means we need to stick to the rules.



It is important we stop the spread of coronavirus. It means the health service do not have to treat as many people with the virus and can do more for people who have other health needs.



NHS Scotland will keep giving care to people who need it.



Read the leaflet with this letter to help you get care where you need it.



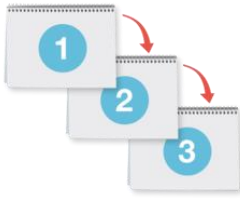
I want to thank everyone for what they have done to help Scotland during the pandemic. I know it is hard, but it is what helps to stop the virus spreading.



It protects our lives, health and jobs until more people get the vaccine.



The **Joint Committee on Vaccinations and Immunisations (JCVI)** are experts. They tell us the best way to vaccinate people. This is the order people will get their vaccine:



- Care homes for older people and their staff
- Healthcare and social care workers who work face to face with people
- People over 80 years old



As soon as we get more vaccine, we will start giving it to all the other groups.



It is the best way to keep you, your family and loved ones safe.



Thank you for sticking with it Scotland.