

London, the first in the world, to start vaccinations

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Britain Gives Approval To Vaccine From Pfizer In a First for the West
Decision Clears Path for Inoculations — 'Help Is on the Way,' Official Says

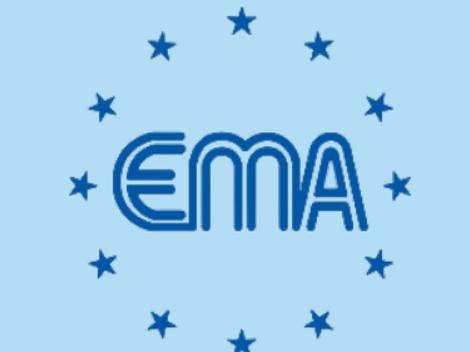
By BENJAMIN SVETKEY
 LONDON — Britain gave emergency authorization on Wednesday to Pfizer's coronavirus vaccine, longed for by the United States to become the first Western country to allow mass inoculations against a disease that has killed more than 1 million people worldwide.
 The decision cleared the way for a vaccination campaign with little precedent in modern medicine, excepting not only what could dry up but also a crusade against anti-vaccine misinformation.
 Britain's leading the United States to authorize — as a vaccine developed by an American company, an issue — international companies, who are expected to be approved by the U.S. regulators, who are still far from the White House for not receiving faster to get down to people. But it is not clear that concerned that Britain was acting in haste for medical reasons or trying to resolve its way to the front of the line for substances. European regulators on

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"The beginning of the end"

This is "the beginning of the end". This is how various English newspapers headline the first day of the administration of the anti Covid vaccine developed by the German laboratories **BioNTech**, in partnership with the American pharmaceutical giant **Pfizer** and approved by the national drug control authority (**MHRA**), while the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**) and the European Medicines Agency (**EMA**) continue to evaluate the data.



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Hence, the largest mass vaccination program ever implemented by the NHS, the British national health system, is launched on what has been called 'V-Day', the day of the vaccine.



The first British woman to be vaccinated was a 90 year old from Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, who was staying in a retirement home. Her name is **Margaret Keenan**, 90, she was vaccinated at 6.31am at the University Hospital of Coventry in the West Midlands in central England.



‘V-Day’ in Britain

"IT'S THE BEST EARLY BIRTHDAY PRESENT I COULD WISH FOR BECAUSE IT MEANS I CAN FINALLY LOOK FORWARD TO SPENDING TIME WITH MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE NEW YEAR, AFTER BEING ON MY OWN FOR MOST OF THE YEAR"

"I FEEL SO PRIVILEGED TO BE THE FIRST PERSON VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19," SAID MS KEENAN.

"MY ADVICE TO ANYONE OFFERED THE VACCINE IS TO TAKE IT. IF I CAN HAVE IT AT 90, THEN YOU CAN HAVE IT TOO," SHE ADDED.

The curious homonymy of another of the first vaccinated people also sparked social media: William Shakespeare, an 81-year-old from Warwickshir who received the drug in the same Coventry hospital.



The health service: "It will be a marathon, not a sprint"

Dosing is triggered at dozens of National Health Service (NHS) hospitals in England, Scotland and Wales. "It will be a marathon, not a sprint", reiterated Professor Stephen Powis, medical director of the NHS, recalling that it will start from **retirement homes** (inpatients and staff) and immediately after by all the over **80-year-olds** in the country and with them as **doctors** and **nurses** at the forefront of the coronavirus emergency.



BORIS JOHNSON: "NOW WE CAN REALLY HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE."

At the moment, the UK has received around **800,000 vaccines**, but has pre-ordered 40 million vaccines from Pfizer alone, destined in the coming six months to guarantee the first dose and the recall to **20 million people**. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said: "It's a day extraordinary in the fight against Coronavirus, thanks to the scientists, doctors and nurses and all the volunteers. Now we can really hope for a better future ».



Then he continued:
«But it's not over: in the meantime, for the whole winter, we cannot let our guard down, despite the arrival of the vaccine. Because this virus is always among us, and it will be for a very long time. So always remember: wash your hands, social distancing and wear masks.

MATT HANCOCK: "AS A COUNTRY WE GOT A STICK TOGETHER, WHILE TO GET TROUGH THESE FINAL MONTH ,BECAUSE THIS VIRUS IS STILL DEADLY AND WE'VE GOT A STICK BY THE RULES EVEN WHILST WE ROLL OUT THERE THE VACCINE"

The UK health secretary, Matt Hancock, cried during a television interview, on the morning that the first Covid-19 vaccines were administered in the UK, marking the start of the NHS' biggest vaccine campaign. Speaking on Good Morning Britain, Hancock said 'it's been such a tough year for so many people' and that he was relieved that people could at last 'get on with their lives', although he also underlined the importance of people continuing to follow the restrictions in place .

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William Shakespeare, 81, from Warwickshire given second Covid-19 jab

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FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH AND PRINCE PHILIP VACCINE WITHOUT CAMERAS

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip will be vaccinated against Covid-19, but not in front of the cameras. At age 94 and 99, respectively, they fall into the category of people most at risk in the front row for the Pfizer / BioNTech vaccine launched today in the UK. "I'm not sure they will do it in front of the camera, but I'm sure the guidelines will be followed based on the step-by-step approach I have established," British Foreign Minister Dominic Raab told NBC today.



Boris Johnson: 'It will gradually make a huge, huge difference... but we haven't defeated this virus yet'

On a visit to London's Guy's Hospital, the prime minister spoke to 81-year-old Lyn Wheeler, who was the first to receive the vaccine there.

"It is really very moving to hear her say she is doing it for Britain, which is exactly right - she is protecting herself, but also helping to protect the entire country," Mr Johnson said.

Earlier, he thanked the NHS, volunteers and "all of the scientists who worked so hard to develop this vaccine".



**VACCINE, ALLERGIC REACTIONS IN TWO PEOPLE
IN GREAT BRITAIN. PFIZER: "THERE IS NO
SERIOUS ALARM"**

A small stop to the vaccine. The national drug control authority (MHRA) today recommended not vaccinating against Covid those with a history of "significant" allergic reactions. The claim came after two of the hundreds of people given the Pfizer / Biontech vaccine in the UK experienced allergic reactions.

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