Global herd immunity may take 5 years, new data suggests

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Three months after a 91-year-old woman in Britain became the first person to receive the Covid-19 injection, more than 236 million doses have been administered worldwide.

The pace of history’s biggest vaccination exercise is picking up exponentially, but at current rates, it could still be almost five years before most of the world get their shots.

It will take 4.6 years to cover 75 per cent of the world’s population with a two-dose vaccine, according to data collected by Bloomberg as at yesterday.

Recent estimates suggest that 70 per cent to 90 per cent of the world’s population will have to be inoculated before it approaches herd immunity.

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But some issues remain, such as thresholds for herd immunity, new variants, length of immunity

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