

Vaccination saves lives: Protect yourself and your family!

Further information

restrictions apply – the German Society for Rheumatology, however, explicitly recommends the Corona vaccination in its statement.



Where and how can I get vaccinated?

Appointments can be made via the Kassenärztliche Vereinigung Nordrhein (KVNO) website www.116117.de and by telephone on 0800 116117 01 or with your family doctor.

Where and how can I get detailed information?

- www.essen.de/coronavirus_impfen
- www.rki.de/DE/Content/Infekt/Impfen/Materialien/Downloads-COVID-19/Aufklaerungsbogen-Englisch.pdf?__blob=publicationFile
- www.rki.de/DE/Content/Infekt/Impfen/Materialien/Downloads-COVID-19-Vektorimpfstoff/Aufklaerungsbogen-Englisch.pdf?__blob=publicationFile
- www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novelcoronavirus-2019/covid-19-vaccines/advice
- <https://www.integrationsbeauftragte.de/resource/blob/1864222/1877300/5ca0c3021a5cf7ae53fb1ba3efa509e7/210511-flyer-ib-en-data.pdf?download=1>
- <https://youtu.be/ma4GMFRv73Y>



Vaccination against coronavirus protects
against severe course of disease

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Here are the most important questions and answers about vaccination against the coronavirus:

Why is it important to get vaccinated against coronavirus?

Vaccination protects against a severe course of the disease. It also helps to reduce the risk of infecting yourself or others with the coronavirus.



What exactly does vaccination protect me from?

There are currently no effective medicines to treat COVID-19, and all licensed vaccines are the first real chance to make the infectious disease manageable medically. Vaccination should ensure that fewer people get sick and that there are fewer severe courses of the disease.

Which vaccines are currently available?

In Germany, the two mRNA vaccines from BioNTech and Moderna and the vector vaccine from AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria) and Johnson & Johnson are currently approved. The European Medicines Agency (EMA) is responsible for the approval. It is expected that more vaccines will be approved in the coming quarters of 2021.

Will vaccination also help protect the people around me?

The first results of studies show that vaccination against the coronavirus reduces the risk of contracting the virus yourself. At the same time, the risk of infecting other people is reduced. This is why, for example, there is no longer a testing obligation for fully vaccinated people, and travelling is made easier by a complete vaccination.

Protect yourself and your family!

Since the outbreak of the corona pandemic, many people have fallen ill with the coronavirus worldwide, but also in Germany, and some have even died.

There are several safe and effective vaccines to prevent this.

Vaccination is therefore an important step out of the pandemic – along with other preventive measures such as keeping your distance, covering your elbow when coughing or sneezing, cleaning your hands often, wearing a mask and airing rooms regularly.



Can side effects occur after vaccination?

Vaccines train and prepare the body's natural defences – the immune system – to recognise and fight off viruses and bacteria. After vaccination, when the body is later exposed to these disease-causing germs, it is immediately ready to destroy them and thus prevent disease. After a vaccination, a so-called vaccination reaction can occur. It is a natural response of the body to vaccination and can vary greatly.

Are there any reasons why I should not be vaccinated?

So far, there are no known special restrictions due to pre-existing conditions beyond the usual recommendations/restrictions for other vaccinations. As with other vaccinations, you should not be acutely ill, for example, you should not have a fever above 38.5°C. If you are allergic to any components of the vaccines, you should also not be vaccinated. This should be clarified at the vaccination centre or with your family doctor. For rheumatic diseases, the usual