

Information on the COVID-19 vaccination

Why is a COVID-19 vaccination important?

The COVID-19 vaccination not only protects your own health, but also the health of others. Vaccinated persons run a much lower risk of getting the disease COVID-19. Also, getting vaccinated is a direct contribution to ending the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

Who can be vaccinated?

Persons with sole or habitual residency in Germany can receive vaccinations. Health insurance coverage is not required. The COVID-19 vaccination is voluntary and free of charge.

What documents will I need to be vaccinated?

You will need to have a valid ID document to receive your vaccination (e.g. ID card or passport) as well as your vaccination record if possible.

How and where can I be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus?

There are several different ways to obtain a COVID-19 vaccination:

1. Make an appointment with your treating general practitioner or medical specialist for in-practice vaccination.
2. It is also possible to make an appointment for vaccination by your company physician or private physician.
3. Vaccinations are also being administered at stationary vaccination centres state-wide. You can reserve a vaccination appointment at www.impfen-sh.de.
 - a. All persons over 60 years of age beginning on 25 Nov. 2021
 - b. All persons who wish to be vaccinated beginning on 02. Dec. 2021
 - c. If there are currently no appointments available, you can register on the website and will then receive an appointment automatically by email when one becomes available. Also make sure to bring the vaccination ticket you receive by email to the vaccination appointment.
4. Mobile vaccination teams are also providing vaccinations in many cities / communities where you can receive a vaccination shot without an appointment. For a schedule of such mobile vaccination drives see www.impfen-sh.de.

First, second and booster shots can be obtained from all of these providers.

Important: A booster shot should in most cases not be administered until 6 months have passed between your second vaccination shot and the booster shot appointment. If you have been vaccinated with the one-shot vaccination from Johnson&Johnson, the required minimum interval between your shot and the booster shot is 28 days.

Who can I turn to with questions regarding the vaccination?

Your general practitioner is the right person to answer any such questions.

You can also obtain information in various languages on COVID-19 vaccines on the website of the *Bundesgesundheitsministerium* (German Federal Ministry of Health):
www.zusammengegencorona.de/en/

You can also obtain information on vaccinations in English, Turkish, Russian and Arabic by calling the Germany-wide, no-charge telephone number **0800 0000837**.