The coronavirus vaccination – safe and effective!

The vaccination protects you against a coronavirus infection. The coronavirus causes the COVID-19 disease. Some cases of COVID-19 can be relatively mild. Those who are infected suffer from a cough, fever, runny nose and a sore throat. There are, however, also very severe cases, with patients suffering from breathing difficulties or falling ill with pneumonia.

The coronavirus vaccination is safe

Vaccines in Germany are safe. This applies to all vaccines, including the coronavirus vaccine.

- Vaccines are thoroughly tested before they are approved for use and continue to be tested afterwards. New findings are taken into account.
- It is normal for a body to react to a vaccination. You might experience pain around the area where you received the injection or you may feel tired and worn-out. Fever and chills are also normal. These symptoms will disappear after 2 to 3 days.
- Other side effects are very rare, but could also include, for example, severe headaches. If the side effects do not disappear after a few days, contact your general practitioner.
- There is no proof that the vaccination causes negative long-term effects nor does it affect one’s ability to have children.

The coronavirus vaccination is effective

The vaccination ensures that the body builds up an immunity. You are therefore well protected from getting seriously ill. However, there is still a small risk that you can become infected with COVID-19. That is why it is important to continue observing the “Hands. Face. Space. Fresh Air” rules (AHA+L Regeln):

- Maintain physical distance (Abstand halten)
- Wash your hands (Hände waschen) / follow hygiene rules i.e. cough and sneeze into your elbow or use a handkerchief
- Wear a face mask during day-to-day activities (im Alltag Maske tragen)
- Regularly air out rooms you are in (Regelmäßig lüften)

This is how you can get vaccinated

The vaccination is voluntary and free of charge. You can get vaccinated

- at doctor’s practices
- at vaccination centres
- by mobile vaccination teams

You will be vaccinated by doctors or medical professionals. You will need to make an appointment for the vaccination. You can find more information about the vaccination at www.116117.de or under the telephone number 116117.

As of mid-June 2021, more than 90,000 people have died from or with COVID-19 in Germany.
Coronavirus vaccination – this is how it works:

1. **Registration**
   - Receive the information sheet
   - Receive the personal medical history questionnaire

2. **Wait**
   - Read the information sheet
   - Fill out the questionnaire
   - Information about possible reactions to the vaccination and side effects
   - Clarifying questions
   - Signing the consent form

3. **Consultation**
   - Injection of the vaccine into the upper arm
   - 15–30 minutes observation
   - Any allergic reactions or circulatory problems that may arise will receive immediate medical treatment.

4. **Vaccination**
   - Receive the vaccination confirmation or certificate

5. **Wait**

6. **Sign out**

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