

# The coronavirus vaccination – safe and effective!

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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.

As of mid-June 2021, **more than 90,000 people** have died from or with COVID-19 in Germany.

## 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 (**A**bstand halten)
- Wash your hands (**H**ände 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 **A**lltag Maske tragen)
- Regularly air out rooms you are in (Regelmäßig **L**üften)

## 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](http://www.116117.de) or under the **telephone number 116117**.



# Coronavirus vaccination – this is how it works:



## Registration

- Receive the information sheet
- Receive the personal medical history questionnaire



## Wait

- Read the information sheet
- Fill out the questionnaire



## Consultation

- Information about possible reactions to the vaccination and side effects
- Clarifying questions
- Signing the consent form



## Vaccination

- Injection of the vaccine into the upper arm



## Wait

- 15–30 minutes observation
- Any allergic reactions or circulatory problems that may arise will receive immediate medical treatment.



## Sign out

- Receive the vaccination confirmation or certificate