The most important information at a glance

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Getting vaccinated protects you and your family!

Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is our ticket out of the pandemic. Whoever has already been vaccinated is protecting themselves and those around them. Think of your health and that of your friends and family – get vaccinated! You can find more information on the website for the Austrian Federal Ministry for Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection: <u>Frequently asked questions in other languages (sozialministerium.at)</u> or <u>Coronainfo: Austrian Integration Fund (Österreichischer Integrationsfonds, ÖIF)</u>

COVID-19 vaccines

These vaccines have been rigorously tested by experts from the European authority and are very safe. The vaccine is working: the number of infections is dropping significantly in groups with many vaccinated persons.

How the vaccines work

In the case of the COVID-19 vaccines that are currently available, the body is injected with a kind of "blueprint" with which it can independently form a surface component of the coronavirus. As soon as the immune system encounters it, the body produces antibodies. These protect against the disease in the event of an infection with the coronavirus.

In mRNA vaccines, this blueprint is packaged in small fat globules. In the case of vector vaccines, it is packaged in another, completely harmless virus.

Safely vaccinated

50%

A recent survey shows:
more than 50% of people with a migration history in Austria definitely want to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as they have the opportunity. However, this also means that **just under 50 percent have yet to be convinced of the benefits of getting vaccinated**. Only by getting vaccinated can you protect yourself from getting a severe disease and suffering from possible long-term consequential damage.

Reaction shows effect

Redness, swelling, a warming of the skin or pain may occur at the injection site. In addition, symptoms such as headache, faintness and fever may develop.

These possible symptoms are a sign of the body's normal reaction to the vaccine. They are no cause for concern and usually go away on their own within a few days.

Brief and compact: Before getting the COVID-19 vaccine

Does getting vaccinated cost anything?
You can get vaccinated against COVID-19 for free.

Where can I get vaccinated?
Vaccinations are given both at vaccination centres and by registered doctors if they offer the COVID-19 vaccine as an additional service. You can find out details when you sign up to get vaccinated.

Where can I register?
Those willing to get vaccinated can register via the online platforms of the federal provinces Austria is vaccinating – Initiative against the coronavirus (oesterreich-impft.at) or by telephone at T: 1450. Support with registration in various languages is offered by the Austrian Integration Fund (ÖIF) at T: +43 1/715 10 51 – 263.
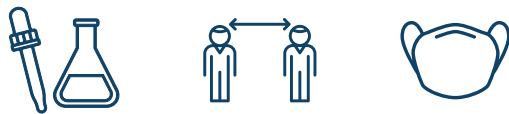
What you need to take with you when getting vaccinated:
- E-card (if available)
- Vaccination certificate (if available)
- Allergy ID (if available)
- Optional: "Information and documentation form / COVID-19 vaccination"

Brief and compact: After getting the COVID-19 vaccine

Which protective measures are to remain in place?
Protective measures such as keeping a minimum distance, getting tested and wearing masks are important in any case until most people have been vaccinated. This protects all those who have not yet been vaccinated.

What are the benefits of getting vaccinated?
By getting vaccinated, you are protecting yourself and those around you. Furthermore, the requirement to get tested for various forms of entry or to undergo a mandatory quarantine period after contact with infected persons no longer apply.

When can I travel again and visit family?
All those who have been vaccinated, tested or have recovered can prove this with their Green Pass. This should make it possible to enter restaurants, visit cultural and sport institutions, or to travel and visit family safely again.

Safe travel
Some countries have a low risk of infection, others a higher risk. The situation is constantly evaluated in order to ensure safest possible travel.

Frequently asked questions on travelling to Austria can be found at: FAQ: Travelling to Austria (sozialministerium.at)

Where is the COVID-19 vaccine recorded?
The COVID-19 vaccine is recorded in the e-vaccination certificate as well as in the paper vaccination certificate or the vaccination card.

Note:
This presentation serves as brief information on the COVID-19 vaccine. In any case, you should have a discussion with your doctor prior to getting vaccinated.