Registering for vaccination in Saarland

In Saarland you can be vaccinated against coronavirus at your general practitioner’s surgery or at one of the four vaccination centres. If you would like to be vaccinated at a vaccination centre, you must first register with it in order to put your name on the vaccination list.

To do this you can call the coronavirus hotline: 0681 501 4422 or 0800 999 15 99

or register online on: www.impfen-saarland.de

If you prefer to be vaccinated at your general practitioner’s surgery, you can contact it directly for further information.

Side effects of the vaccination

It is normal for there to be side effects after vaccination. Side effects can show that the body is reacting to the vaccine and developing antibodies.

In most cases these reactions to the vaccine are mild and subside after a few days. Common reactions to the vaccine are, for example, reactions around the area where it was injected, such as pain, redness or swelling, or mild physical discomfort, such as a headache, fatigue, nausea or a temperature.

Vaccination against coronavirus in Saarland

Vaccination should prevent the progression of severe disease in the case of infection with the COVID-19 virus.
Vaccination protects you, your family and anyone with whom you come into contact. The aim of the vaccination programme is, on the one hand, to counter the spread of coronavirus and, on the other, to minimise the potential health impact on those infected with COVID-19. Vaccination is voluntary and free of charge. All the vaccines are tolerated well, safe and highly effective. Each and every citizen can contribute to the fight against the pandemic by being vaccinated.

In Germany there are currently four approved vaccines: Comirnaty, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Janssen. Two doses of the vaccine are required for all vaccines, with the exception of Janssen, to be fully vaccinated.

Vaccination is undertaken in the four vaccination centres set up for this purpose (Saarbrücken, Saarlouis, Neunkirchen and Lebach) and in over 850 medical practices in Saarland.

### Priority groups

As there are currently only limited amounts of vaccine available, it is not possible for everyone to be vaccinated immediately. As long as there is a shortage of vaccine, protection is offered to those who need it most.

There are four priority groups.

At present, group 3 has already opened for vaccination. This will be followed by all those who have a lower risk of suffering from a progression of severe disease in the case of infection with the COVID-19 virus, or who are not susceptible to a (very) high risk of infection. Call the hotline 0800 999 15 99 to find out when you can be vaccinated.

1. **Is it possible to transmit coronavirus despite vaccine protection?**
   
   According to the assessment carried out by the Robert Koch Institute, it is very rare for anyone who has been vaccinated to pass on the virus.

   Although some people become infected with coronavirus despite vaccination, the virus in this case reproduces in smaller quantities and also disappears more quickly. Nevertheless, even those who have been vaccinated must currently continue to adhere to the general protective measures in place.

2. **How safe are the vaccines?**
   
   Germany a vaccine is only approved if it has successfully passed all three phases of the clinical trial programme. These national and international quality standards also apply, as is the case with all other vaccine developments, to the approval of a coronavirus vaccine.

   Following its marketing authorisation, the use of the vaccine will continue to be closely monitored and evaluated.

3. **Do mRNA vaccines change DNA?**
   
   Our genetic make-up cannot be changed by vaccination with an mRNA vaccine. It is not possible to integrate RNA into DNA.

4. **Does the vaccination affect fertility?**
   
   The COVID-19 vaccines available were tested on adults – also on women with a desire to have children – and found to be safe and effective. The claim that vaccination may adversely affect fertility is false.

   There has been no indication in the extensive clinical tests carried out on SARS-CoV-2 vaccines of a negative impact on female or male fertility.

5. **I have had coronavirus. Should I still be vaccinated?**
   
   In the case of people who have recovered from a SARS-CoV-2 infection substantiated by laboratory diagnostics (PCR confirmed), a single vaccination should be considered at the earliest six months after recovery. Any of the approved COVID-19 vaccines can be used for this. Vaccination after having had the infection produces a very good immune response.

You can find further information in various languages on:

www.saarland.de/corona-integration