



INFORMATION CONCERNING CORONAVIRUS VACCINATION

Documents with the latest updates for download

This information is solely for doctors. Please do not pass to patients.

TAKING THE RIGHT APPROACH

A guide for doctors when talking to patients and also to non-patients

i

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The coronavirus vaccination is voluntary and available to all citizens free of charge.
- The coronavirus vaccines available in Germany undergo a centralised approval process which is coordinated by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and are evaluated by experts belonging to the national medical authorities, such as the Paul Ehrlich Institute. Approval of a COVID-19 vaccine is granted in compliance with all regulations and provisions which apply for the approval of a vaccine for use in the European Union (EU). One of the prerequisites is a positive risk-benefit ratio. Before the vaccines can be used, the Paul Ehrlich Institute checks their quality, efficacy and safety, and confirms these by officially releasing the batch for use.
- In the first instance, you do not need to fill out a vaccination attestation for your patients. In the second vaccination phase, it could happen that patients with certain pre-existing diseases will need a medical certificate. The idea is for you to be on hand to advise your patients and refer them to the vaccination centres. Please check the respective regulations in your particular state as procedures can vary.

Stay informed.
Call 116117

HOW? WHO? WHEN? – VACCINATION IN BRIEF

- Vaccines will be administered in phases: People who are at greatest risk must be protected first. The goal is, of course, to gradually ensure equal access to coronavirus vaccination for all.
- Priority is given to vaccinating people who are at particularly high risk of developing a severe or fatal case of the disease, and those with a particularly high job-related risk of becoming infected themselves or of infecting people in need of protection.
- Vaccinations are intramuscular, not subcutaneous (including for people on blood-thinning medication/anticoagulation) and are administered with a very fine injection needle and subsequent firm compression of the injection site.
- Only by working together and by showing solidarity with others can we succeed in normalising our everyday lives.

?!

CONVERSATION POINTS

- In your capacity as a doctor, talk about coronavirus vaccination with your patients and with others who want to be vaccinated. This breaks down people's inhibitions concerning the vaccine, prompting them to ask questions and express any concerns they may have before they are vaccinated.
- Communicate and explain things in simple terms that are easy to understand by all.
- Build up trust and show that you take people's concerns seriously – much can be clarified by calmly answering their questions.
- Respond to the questions and concerns of patients and people in need of care, and offer your support.
- Base your comments on facts and try not to get into a discussion about conspiracy theories: It's not your job to refute ideologies, but to inform about coronavirus vaccination.
- A personal recommendation from you as a person of trust is important and has a great effect on patients.
- Refer people to the www.corona-schutzimpfung.de website for information that is updated daily.

!

Key points of contact for doctors



- The free STIKO app run by the Robert Koch Institute has a list of FAQs giving vaccination-related advice (web-based version: www.stiko-web-app.de)

- Additional information is also available at: www.rki.de/covid-19-impfen and www.pei.de/coronavirus

Publisher's Information:
Federal Ministry of Health
Referat Öffentlichkeitsarbeit, Publikationen, 11055 Berlin
www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de
Status: December 2020, 1st Edition
Order No. BMG-G-11136