

Information on the coronavirus vaccination: Pros & Cons

Good reasons to get vaccinated	What doubts are there?
<p><u>Vaccination protects me from a serious or fatal course of disease</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Especially in the third wave, there were also many young people who suffered serious courses and long-term effects. Some of these can persist for several months. As of 6 July 2021, 91,068 people in Germany have already died from COVID-19 since the pandemic began. <p><u>Vaccination protects my family and my social environment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to a comparatively long incubation period, the virus can often spread unnoticed. However, vaccinated people can break chains of infection. <p><u>By vaccinating I am taking on social responsibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccinated people also protect those who cannot get vaccinated themselves. This includes infants, immunosuppressed people or high-risk patients. <p><u>Vaccination relieves the burden on the health system and intensive care units</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The more people are vaccinated, the lower the number of people who need hospital treatment for a severe course of the disease. Relieving the burden on hospitals benefits all patients – including those who are dependent on medical treatment for other conditions. <p><u>Vaccination offers reliable protection</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to vaccination studies, the already approved vaccines have a very high efficacy once the body has produced sufficient antibodies as a result of the vaccination. <p><u>Vaccination is a contribution to returning to normality</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone wants to return to our normal, social and carefree lives. We can all contribute to this by breaking chains of infection and stopping coronavirus outbreaks. <p><u>Vaccination is our chance to end the pandemic</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When enough people are vaccinated or are already carrying antibodies due to an infection they have overcome, this is called herd immunity. In the long term, this can prevent exponential spread and contain the pandemic. 	<p><u>Are the vaccines safe?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality requirements for a vaccine in the European approval procedure are very high. The tolerance, safety and efficacy of the vaccines were tested in three study phases. <p><u>Why were the vaccines approved so quickly?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since the vaccine was a top priority, many of the stumbling blocks, such as bureaucratic hurdles or financing problems, were removed. Important: The approved vaccines have still passed the same demanding tests as vaccines against other diseases. <p><u>Does the vaccination have any side effects?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As with any vaccination, vaccine reactions and side effects can occur after COVID-19 vaccination. Vaccination reactions usually occur shortly after vaccination and last a few days. In most cases there are no or only minor reactions to the vaccine. These vaccine reactions include pain at the injection site, fatigue, or headaches. As at 31/05/2021, serious vaccination reactions only were reported to the Paul Ehrlich Institute in 0.2 per 1,000 vaccine doses. <p><u>Will I have a medical consultation?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A medical history form must always be filled out before vaccination and you have the opportunity to consult with a doctor. <p><u>Will the vaccines make me sterile?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. <p><u>Do the vaccines change the genome?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No.
<p><u>Further information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District of Kleve (https://www.kreis-kleve.de/) Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs NRW (https://www.mags.nrw/) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Ministry of Health: Together against Corona (https://www.zusammengegencorona.de/) Robert Koch Institute (https://www.rki.de/DE/Home/homepage_node.html)

