



**The coronavirus vaccination:
putting an end to all myths**

The vaccine is effective!



You don't need to get vaccinated?

- A strong immune system **does not guarantee a mild course** of the COVID-19 disease.
- Even **the young and healthy can become severely** ill with **COVID-19**.
- A particularly **high number of coronavirus infections** are currently being observed in **younger people**.
- **No immune system is prepared for a novel virus** and each reacts differently. Protective antibodies can only be formed in those who have come into contact with the virus.
- However, with the coronavirus vaccination, the body is prepared for the unknown pathogen. In most cases, it **protects** against **a severe course of the disease**.

My immune system is strong enough. I don't need to get vaccinated.

A strong immune system does not guarantee a mild course of the disease.

Is it all happening too fast?

- Never before has there been **so much international research carried out into the development of a vaccine** as during the coronavirus pandemic.
- All EU-approved COVID-19 vaccines have had to go through the same **rigorous testing** as other vaccines.
- Normally, approval studies are conducted one after the other. **Studies were sometimes conducted in parallel**, therefore saving time.
- The currently approved COVID-19 vaccines have been tested for efficacy and safety on **many more people** than other vaccines.
- Even after receiving approval, the safety and efficacy of the coronavirus vaccination are continuously monitored. **More than 40 percent of the population has been vaccinated** worldwide.

The COVID-19 vaccines have been developed so quickly, they cannot be safe.

All approved vaccines are safe and highly effective.

What are you waiting for?

- Exactly when the classical inactivated vaccines will be approved remains to be seen.
- New **virus variants spread very quickly, particularly during the cold season**, and the **risk of infection increases**.
- The **coronavirus can cause severe illness**, the vaccine protects. That is why it is important not to wait, but to get vaccinated now. The benefits to getting the coronavirus vaccination far outweigh the risks.
- The approved COVID-19 vaccines are safe and highly effective. **Around 600 million vaccinations have already been administered in EU/EEA countries as of November 2021.**

I do not trust the available vaccines and wish to wait until the inactivated vaccine becomes available.


If you wait, you risk getting severely ill with COVID-19 and dying from it.

How does this concern you?

- **Getting vaccinated** not only reduces the likelihood of contracting COVID-19 yourself, but also **reduces the transmission of the virus** to others. This means that **new virus variants are less likely** to emerge.
- The vaccine not only gives yourself **protection**, it also **indirectly gives protection to those around you who cannot be vaccinated** or for whom there is no vaccine approval yet.
- **The fewer the number of people who contract COVID-19, the lighter the burden on our health system . This protects our intensive care units.** Overwhelmed hospitals lead to postponement of other necessary treatments.
- We can only overcome the pandemic together. **Every vaccination counts!**

What does it matter to others whether I get vaccinated or not. It is my risk.

If you don't get vaccinated against the Coronavirus, you put yourself and others at risk.

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Get vaccinated now!

Go to your doctor or pharmacist for
detailed information on getting the vaccine.

Register at:

oesterreich-impft.at/jetzt-impfen



You can find more information at
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