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.

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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.
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 sozialministerium.at/corona-schutzimpfung

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