

**The coronavirus vaccination:
facts about its efficacy**

The vaccine is effective!



Vaccines are a real success story!

Thanks to vaccines, life-threatening diseases have been suppressed worldwide. The coronavirus vaccination is also safe and highly effective.

- Following **the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, research was conducted worldwide into the development of a vaccine.** All EU-approved vaccines have been extensively tested for efficacy and safety.
- People have been getting vaccinated in Austria since December 2020. Currently, the **mRNA vaccines Comirnaty from BioNTech/Pfizer** and **Spikevax from Moderna**, as well as the **vector vaccines Vaxzevria from AstraZeneca** and **COVID-19 vaccine Janssen ("Johnson&Johnson")** are being used.
- As of November 2021, more than **588 million vaccinations** have been administered in EU/EEA countries.

Important to know:

More than 247 million people worldwide have been infected with the SARS-CoV-2 Coronavirus and more than 5 million people have died. The vaccine protects against illness, severe courses and death.

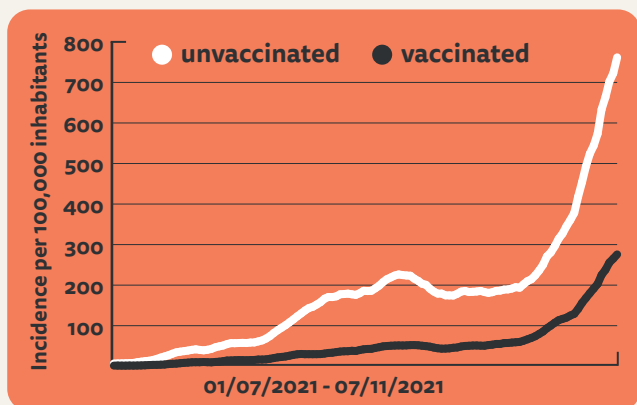
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No room for fake news!

You have probably heard many rumours surrounding the coronavirus vaccination. Do not let these unsettle you. Inform yourself and educate others!

- **All EU-approved vaccines are safe and highly effective.** Getting vaccinated significantly reduces the risk of contracting COVID-19.
- The risk of transmission is significantly lower in vaccinated people. Vaccinated people are **less likely to get infected** and **less likely to pass on the virus.**
- Getting vaccinated **significantly reduces the risk of becoming severely ill** with COVID-19. From February to the beginning of November 2021, around 19,000 hospital stays, around 6,200 stays in intensive care units and around 6,100 deaths were avoided across the whole of Austria.

Important to know:



7-day incidence of symptomatic cases, age 18-59 years, as of 09.11.2021; source: AGES

Your safety comes first!

Vaccines are only approved and used when safety and efficacy have been confirmed in strictly controlled studies. The European Medicines Agency (EMA) is an independent authority and is responsible for testing vaccines.

- The EMA assesses the **safety and efficacy** of the coronavirus vaccination for different age groups.
- Even after receiving approval, the **risk-benefit ratio** of the vaccines is continuously monitored.
- If necessary, the prescribing information and direction for use of the vaccines are updated when the authority has reviewed and released new data on the safety, efficacy or possible uses of vaccines.

Important to know:

In Austria, independent doctors of the Austrian National Vaccination Committee (Nationales Impfgremium, NIG) regularly advise on recommendations for the coronavirus vaccination. The benefits and risks of the vaccination are continuously evaluated, also taking into account the current virus activity in Austria.

Every additional vaccination counts!


By getting vaccinated, you are protecting yourself, all those close to you and particularly those who cannot get vaccinated due to age or health reasons.

- **Those who have been vaccinated are less likely to be contagious and usually for a shorter period of time**, meaning every vaccination reduces the risk of further spread of the coronavirus and new mutations.
- When the pandemic will end depends largely on how many people get vaccinated against the coronavirus. A **high vaccination turnout** among the population means that the virus **is less likely to spread**.

Important to know:

Every vaccination counts!

The fewer the number of people who contract COVID-19, the lighter the burden on our health system. This relieves the burden on our intensive care units and protects human lives. Overwhelmed hospitals lead to postponements of other necessary treatments.

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Get vaccinated now!

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