The coronavirus vaccination: when should I get vaccinated again? ("third vaccination")

The vaccine is effective!
Stay protected!

By deciding to get vaccinated against the coronavirus disease, you are making an important contribution towards protecting your own health and the health of those around you. Follow our recommendation and get vaccinated to stay protected.

- The protection provided by vaccination decreases over time – more so in older people or those with underlying medical conditions.
- All those who have been vaccinated are recommended to get vaccinated again with an mRNA vaccine.
- The number of COVID-19 cases increases particularly during the cold season. The risk of new virus variants is increasing.
- The coronavirus vaccination is an effective form of protection. Talk to others about your experiences and go with them to get vaccinated!

Important to know:

Data from other countries show that infections, breakthrough infections and subsequent hospitalisations are significantly reduced by getting the recommended third vaccine.

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Go and get vaccinated again!

- Those who have been vaccinated just once with the COVID-19 vaccine Janssen ("Johnson & Johnson") are advised to get vaccinated again 4 weeks after the first vaccination.

- For all persons aged 18 and above, a third vaccine can be given after four months and should be given from 6 months after receiving the second vaccine. Getting the vaccine is particularly important for older people and for those with underlying medical conditions or at a higher risk of getting infected.

- With regards to vector vaccines (Vaxzevria from AstraZeneca & COVID-19 vaccine Janssen), it is recommended to get the third vaccine 4 months after the second vaccine, and this is also possible with mRNA vaccines.

- Recovered persons are also recommended to get vaccinated again. Please talk to your doctor!

Important to know:

The recommendations to get vaccinated are continuously adapted to scientific findings and may therefore change. Ask your doctor about current recommendations and your immunisation status!
Follow the recommendations!

The Austrian National Vaccination Committee (Nationales Impfgremium, NIG) recommends that all vaccinated persons over the age of 18 receive an additional dose of any mRNA vaccine. The vaccine can be given from 4 months and should be given after 6 months.

- The same vaccine used for the first two vaccinations should ideally be used for the third vaccination. **Comirnaty from BioNTech/Pfizer or Spikevax from Moderna** (Moderna to be given only to those aged 30 and above).

- Those vaccinated with **vector vaccines** should receive an mRNA vaccine as a third vaccination. **The same applies to mixing and matching vaccines** (getting vaccinated with different vaccines).

- Different recommendations apply to those who have been **vaccinated and are recovered**. Please talk to your doctor!

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**Important to know:**

By following the recommendations, many people can be protected in the best possible way to reduce the risk of a severe case of COVID-19. Off-label use (vaccine without marketing authorisation) is possible. It is essential that you go to your doctor to get detailed information and documentation on this subject.
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!

- **The coronavirus vaccination is effective.** The risk of becoming seriously ill or dying is significantly reduced. If, in exceptional cases, a case of COVID-19 emerges despite the person already being vaccinated, it is likely to be much milder.

- **The Coronavirus causes dangerous diseases, the vaccine protects.** It has been proven that more unvaccinated people have to be hospitalised due to COVID-19 than due to postvaccinal disorders.

- **The coronavirus vaccination protects you and all those close to you.**

**Important to know:**

Many people are affected by long-term effects. The vaccine protects against COVID-19 and the possibility of long-term effects. The fewer the number of people who contract COVID-19, the lighter the burden on our health system. Every vaccination counts!
Get vaccinated!

Go to your doctor or pharmacist for detailed information on getting the vaccine. Register at: 
[link to registration website]

You can find more information at 
[link to vaccine information page]

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