COVID-19 VACCINATION - basic information

Why should you be vaccinated?

The vaccination protects you from being seriously ill with COVID.

How does the vaccine work?

The vaccine causes your body to produce antibodies. These antibodies protect you from becoming seriously ill when you have contact with new Corona viruses (SARS-CoV-2). None of the vaccines actually contains a virus (SARS-CoV-2). This means you cannot be infected with COVID-19 by the vaccine.

Is the vaccine safe?

Yes. The vaccine has been tested for safety and has been approved by EMA, the European Medicines Agency. The vaccine is also safe for people with diabetes, high blood pressure, heart problems and asthma.

Who can be vaccinated?

AEveryone who has reached the age of 12, and who lives or works in Austria (daily commuters, for example) even without a social insurance number.
If you are pregnant, have a previous illness or have a higher health risk, discuss the vaccination with your doctor first.

Are there any side effects from a Covid – 19 vaccination?

The vaccination can cause pain or redness round the vaccination site, as well as headaches, fever and cramps. These side effects are quite frequent, but they are due to a normal reaction of your body and usually disappear within a few days. After the vaccination you will be observed by medical personnel for about 20 minutes to rule out an allergic reaction.

How can you book an appointment for vaccination?

In Internet go to www.ooe-impft.at and click on the button ‚Impftermin buchen'.After you have entered your personal data you can choose one of the times still free at vaccination centres throughout Upper Austria. You will receive confirmation of your booking by email. Take this confirmation with you to the appointment.

The booking is only possible if you have an Austrian social insurance number. In other cases, you can book an appointment by sending an email to buergerservice@ooe.gv.at when you provide the following information: first name, family name, district, postcode, town, street, date of birth, telephone number and email address.

What should you take with you to the vaccination appointment?

- Photo ID
- Vaccination card (if you have one)
- social insurance number (e-card, for example)
  This is important for the electronic vaccination card!
- Information sheet (completed and signed). You can find this at www.sozialministerium.at/Corona-Schutzimpfung/Corona-Schutzimpfung---Durchfuehrung-und-Organisation.html

Please tell the doctor giving you the vaccination about any previous illness and known allergies.
Take your allergy card – if you have one – with you to the appointment.

Further information about the COVID-19-Vaccination is available online: www.ooe-impft.at

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