FAQs Coronavirus Vaccination

You can find all the latest information on the website of the <u>German Red Cross, Landesverband Sachsen</u> (DRK).



What is the order of vaccination?

Currently, the corona vaccination is carried out with prioritization because there is not enough available yet for everyone who would like to be vaccinated.

The priority groups for the vaccination are based on the vaccination recommendations of the Permanent Vaccination Commission at the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) and were enacted in an ordinance by the Federal Ministry of Health on 15 December 2020.



When can all people who do not belong to a priority group be vaccinated?

Since June 7, the prioritization for the Corona vaccination has been lifted throughout Germany. This means that every citizen will be able to get vaccination against the coronavirus without restrictions or prioritization.

In Saxony, doctors in private practices will be able to perform vaccinations with all approved vaccines from Monday, May 24, 2021, without any specified prioritization. The doctors are free to decide which patients they will vaccinate first, without being restricted by the coronavirus vaccination ordinance.

Also, from June 7, company and private doctors will be able to provide vaccination, without any prioritization. Therefore, do not hesitate to ask at your place of work whether you can be vaccinated by the company doctor.



How can I get an appointment for vaccination?

Online for appointments in vaccination centers

If you would like to make an appointment at a vaccination center, you can make an appointment online at <u>sachsen.impfterminvergabe.de</u> or by calling +49 800 0899 089. The hotline is available every day from 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. Due to the high demand and the limited amount of available vaccine, waiting times are to be expected. If you do not have a laptop, smartphone, or similar device you can make use of the hotline instead. If there are no appointments available online, there will not be appointments available at the hotline either.

New appointments for initial vaccination are released in the booking portal on three days of the week:

- mondays at approx. 12.00 noon
- wednesdays at approx. 8.00 a.m.
- fridays at approx. 6.00 p.m.

Currently, the website is only available in German. If you should need assistance, please ask your friends or fellow students to help you make an appointment.

This live overview shows where there are currently open vaccination appointments in the 13 vaccination centers in Saxony in real time:

countee.ch/app/de/counter/impfee/_iz_sachsen

Step-by-step procedure for booking vaccination appointments via <u>sachsen.impfterminvergabe.de</u>:

- 1. Registration
- eligibility check (no longer required in Saxony after 7 June 2021)
- fill in personal data
- select your login data
- receive an e-mail with a link to your appointment
- 2. Make appointment
- make an appointment
- fill in the questionnaire
- attend the appointment at vaccination center

The vaccination does not have to take place in the municipality that is also your place of residence. It might therefore also be recommendable to check the dates for the vaccination centres near Leipzig (e.g. Grimma, Borna, Riesa, Belgern). These are also listed in the vaccination portal.

In general physicians/specialist practices

Physicians and, in some cases, specialists can also provide vaccinations in their practices. It is best to look for relevant information and the procedure of the respective practice on your doctor's website. If no website exists or no information can be found, call your practice and ask for information about vaccination.

How soon can I get an appointment?

This depends on the demand and availability of vaccines. There are only as many appointments offered in the vaccination portal as there is vaccine available. Appointments for the first and second vaccinations are scheduled at the same time.

Can I just go to the vaccination center and get vaccinated?

No. Only people who have made an appointment in advance will be vaccinated there.

How does the procedure in a vaccination center work?

If you want to be vaccinated you have to make an appointment online or by telephone in advance. Inorder to do this, you will have to answer a few questions and decides in which vaccination center you would like to be vaccinated.

After the appointment is made, you will receive the educational documents related to the specific vaccine immediately. Also, you will be informed about which documents you need to bring along.

In the check-in and waiting area, the staff will check whether your appointment is correct and if the documents are complete.

After that, your vaccination suitability will be determined by a doctor in a separate room. If there are no further questions, the vaccination can take place. In case the doctor should decide you are not currently fit for vaccination, you will get a new appointment directly.

Once the vaccination has taken place, you have to wait in another waiting area so that any adverse reactions to the vaccination can be identified and addressed quickly.

After this brief waiting period, you can leave the vaccination center.



Summary:

- check-in: registration and verification of vaccination eligibility
- waiting area: general information
- preliminary talk and medical information, vaccination eligibility check
- vaccination
- rest area: observation of vaccinated persons for intolerance/side effects of vaccination
- check-out: documentation and sign-out

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What documents do you need for vaccination?

The following documents must be presented at your vaccination appointment:

- ✓ appointment confirmation (you will receive this via e-mail after successfully booking the appointment in the vaccination portal)
- completed medical history sheet (you will receive this via e-mail after successfully booking the appointment in the vaccination portal)
- ✓ vaccination information sheet (you will receive this via e-mail after successfully booking the appointment in the vaccination portal)
- ✓ ID document
- health insurance card (if not available, proof that you are insured and with which health insurance company is sufficient; if you are unsure, contact your health insurance company and ask about the best procedure)
- vaccination record (if you don't have one, you can get one yourself from a pharmacy or your doctor)
- v possibly important documents (e.g. your diabetes-ID or a list of medications you are taking regularly)



Do I have to pay for the vaccination?

The vaccination against COVID-19 is free of charge for you – regardless of whether, where and under which tariff you are covered by health insurance. The government is responsible for the purchase and distribution of vaccines. The federal states bear the costs of setting up and organizing the vaccination centers. Your health insurances, participates according to their share of insured persons.

If you get the vaccination in a practice, you should note that only the costs for the vaccination are covered. If you need additional services, you may have to pay for them.

If you are unsure, ask your health insurance company before the vaccination or consult their website for more information.



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