



Coronavirus Vaccination

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- Coronavirus (Covid-19) vaccination will take place in **several phases**:
 - The first groups to get the jab have been residents and staff of nursing homes. This vaccination phase started on 27 December 2020.
 - Next, the vaccination will be administered to people in specific professions, at risk groups and elderly people. People over 80 years of age can get the jab in Vienna from mid-February at the latest.
 - As soon as enough doses of the vaccine have been made available everyone in Vienna will be able to get the jab in the course of 2021.
- You can **register** now to get the vaccine.
- Coronavirus vaccination is **free of charge** for all Viennese.
- The vaccine can be administered to people **from 16 years of age**.
- The vaccine requires **two doses** to provide the best protection.

Registration for coronavirus vaccination

You can **register** online at impfservice.wien or by phoning 1450. Please note that this is only a first registration and allocation to a priority group but not a fixed appointment! If you register, you will be informed electronically or by phone as soon as you can get an appointment for your vaccination depending on the priority group you belong to. If you have registered at impfservice.wien before for any other type of vaccination, you can register for the coronavirus vaccination by using your existing profile. Please note that the time of your registration does not have any influence on the time when you can get the vaccination.

Not all types of professions or groups of persons can be chosen in the online registration form as there will be many central vaccination programmes directly at the workplace, which will be coordinated by your employer. For more information about the coronavirus vaccination, please visit impfservice.wien.

Availability of the vaccines

At this time, the Austrian Federal Ministry of Health has guaranteed the availability of the BioNTech/Pfizer vaccine until the end of March. After this, more doses of the vaccine will be delivered. It is not yet possible to draw up an exact vaccination plan, as we do not yet know the exact amount of doses that will be available. We assume that we will receive many more doses depending on the approval and delivery of additional vaccines. Vienna gets about 22 percent of the Austrian vaccine quota, which would currently result in 18,400 doses per week. Therefore, each week about 9,200 people in Vienna could get the vaccine until the end of March. Overall, this means that 131,000 people (or 11 percent of the population over 16 years of age) can get the vaccine in Vienna in the first quarter of 2021.

The delivery of 200,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine in all of Austria has been announced for the first quarter of 2021. The vaccination plan will be revised as soon as the Austrian Federal Ministry of Health confirms the delivery of the Moderna vaccine.

Effectiveness and safety of the vaccines

For more information about vaccine effectiveness, the types of Covid-19 vaccines available and other related topics please visit impfservice.wien.

If you have any questions about the effectiveness and safety of the vaccines you can call the information hotline of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Affairs and the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES) at **phone 0800-555-621** around the clock (also on weekends and public holidays).

People over 80 years of age

Generally, people over 80 years of age can get the vaccine in Vienna **from mid-February** at the latest. To make this possible, the City of Vienna opens seven vaccination lanes to implement mass vaccination for this age group, similar to the flu vaccination last autumn. People over 80 years of age can register for the vaccination lanes online at impfservice.wien or by phoning 1450. Vaccination lanes will also start in hospitals and day centres for senior citizens from mid or late February.

People in home care

As the BioNTech/Pfizer vaccine poses a logistics challenge, it is not possible to use this vaccine outside large organised vaccination centres. People in home care will therefore receive a vaccine that can be distributed and used in an easier manner.