

Request to arrange your personal vaccination appointment

Dear Cologne residents,

For the past 10 months, we in Cologne have also been affected by the corona pandemic. A time lies behind us that was characterized by sacrifice, reduced encounters with our family members and friends as well as much less opportunity for social and cultural interaction.

Even if vaccines are available now: we will unfortunately have to continue to restrict ourselves for quite some time.

Vaccination against the corona virus is currently the most important and effective way out of the pandemic. **Cologne residents over the age of 80 are the next group of people to be vaccinated. They are to immediately follow those who live and work in senior citizen and nursing facilities.** You, too, belong to this group of people in Cologne over 80 years of age and thus to one of the risk groups that need special protection. According to current knowledge, the course of a corona infection is often severe for people in your age group. For this reason, I would ask you to make an appointment for your vaccination at the Vaccination Center on the grounds of the Koelnmesse [Cologne Trade Fair]. If it is not possible to travel to the vaccination center independently by car, bus or train, persons with care level 3 or higher can apply for a health transport voucher to travel to the vaccination center. Travel in the private car of a relative or friend is also permitted.

You can obtain your personal vaccination appointment and all other necessary information by calling the toll-free number **0800 / 116 117 01. Please note that there may be waiting times due to the high number of calls. Alternatively, you can make your appointment on the website www.116117.de.**

I sincerely ask you to make use of this free offer. Only if a large part of the city's population is vaccinated against the virus can effective health protection for all succeed.

I would like to thank you and your families for your support over the past months. Cologne has come through this difficult time relatively well so far and we have all achieved this together.

Yours,

Henriette Reker

Lord Mayoress of the City of Cologne

Arrival and important notes:

The **Cologne Vaccination Center is located in Koelnmesse, Hall 4, Messeplatz 1, 50679 Köln-Deutz, Germany**. It can be reached by public transport via the S-Bahn stop "Köln Messe/Deutz", lines S6, S11, S12, S13 or via the KVB stop "Köln, Bahnhof Messe/Deutz", tram lines 1 and 9.

Please only come to the vaccination center with a personal appointment, because vaccination is not possible without an appointment.

You can find this letter translated into Arabic, English, French, Spanish and Turkish at <https://www.stadt-koeln.de/corona-impfungen> on the City of Cologne website.