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Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Fellow Citizens,

I am happy to announce that we have had a safe vaccine against the coronavirus for a few weeks now!

It is true that the corona pandemic will continue to occupy us for quite some time. But the many thousands of successful vaccinations in nursing homes make me confident. We will again experience times when we can go shopping without a mask and hold our loved ones tightly in our arms.

In North Rhine-Westphalia, 53 vaccination centers have been established and will start operating shortly. Vaccination there is free and voluntary. Since you are 80 years or older, you belong to the group of people who will be vaccinated there as a priority.

Today, I would therefore like to recommend that you make an appointment at your local vaccination center starting Monday, January 25, 2021. The best way for you or your relatives to do this is to use the online registration on the website www.116117.de. Or you can call the toll-free number (0800) 116 117 01.

Please see the reverse of this letter for more information on registration, the vaccination center process, and the required second vaccination.

My request is: do not go to the vaccination center without an appointment. The number of vaccine doses available there will be exactly matched to the number of registrations. That is why it is so important that you keep the agreed appointment.

If you are unable to visit the vaccination center and would like to be vaccinated at home, I am afraid I must ask you to be patient until we have a suitable vaccine. The vaccine currently available is effective but not easy to handle. Therefore, it cannot be transported from house to house.

In these cases, we unfortunately have to wait until vaccines are approved that can also be used by the family doctor system. However, I am hopeful that such vaccines will soon be available. As soon as this is the case, I will inform the public accordingly.

And: if this mail reaches you in a nursing home, you have probably already been vaccinated against the coronavirus. If you have not yet decided to be vaccinated, there is still an opportunity to do so. Please speak to your nursing staff about this.

Step by step, we are making progress. I am convinced that vaccination will take us well on our way to managing the pandemic.

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With kind regards

Make an appointment from January 25, 2021!

Corona vaccination in the vaccination center - from the appointment to the second vaccination

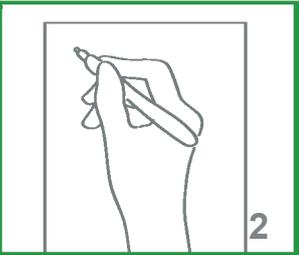
1. Appointment

Vaccinations in the 53 vaccination centers in North Rhine-Westphalia will start on 1 February 2021. Vaccination there is only possible by appointment. It is best to use the website www.116117.de for registration from January 25, 2021. If relatives are arranging your registration, please be sure to avoid double bookings. Of course, you can also use the free phone number **(0800) 116 117 01**. This will also be available **daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.** starting January 25, 2021. Unfortunately, due to the high demand, longer waiting times are to be expected.



2. Registration in the vaccination center

The locations have been selected by the districts and independent cities so that the vaccination centers are easy to reach by bus and train or by car. The first stop there is registration: Your data will be registered and your vaccination eligibility will be checked. Please bring your **ID card**, your **appointment confirmation** and your **vaccination certificate** (if available). Please be sure to wear an everyday mask or an FFP2 mask.



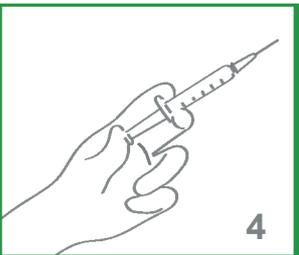
3. Information

In the waiting area that follows, you will have the opportunity to get more detailed information about the corona vaccination at the vaccination center. If you have not yet received the information sheet and the consent form by mail, you will be given both. Please read them carefully and completely. If you wish, you will be given the opportunity for a consultation with a physician.



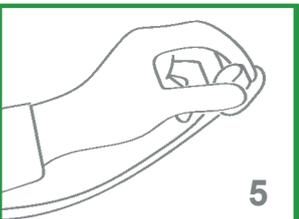
4. Vaccination

The vaccination itself is performed in a screened area by trained medical personnel. The vaccine is injected into the upper arm - just like the flu shot. A small amount is already sufficient. The injection site is then covered with a sticking plaster. The vaccination is recorded in the vaccination certificate or a certificate containing all the necessary information.



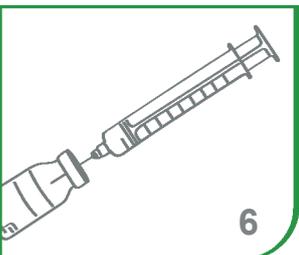
5. Follow-up

You will then be asked to remain in a separate waiting area for up to 30 minutes under medical observation. This ensures that a rapid response can be made to any - very rare - allergic reaction or discomfort. If the waiting time passes without complications, which will be the rule, you can go home.



6. Second vaccination

For the corona vaccination to be fully effective, a second vaccination is required. Therefore, you will already receive two vaccination appointments about three weeks apart when you make your appointment. The second appointment will also take place in the vaccination center, the procedure will be identical to the first vaccination. Please bring with you: ID card, appointment confirmation and the vaccination certificate from your first appointment.



Further information: www.mags.nrw/coronavirus-schutzimpfung