Subject: Important – 2nd dose of your coronavirus vaccination

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Dear Sir or Madam,

This pandemic has gone on far too long for all of us. However, with your help we are closer to reaching the end: you have been vaccinated. As a doctor, I would like to say thank you.

You have been vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine Janssen (Johnson&Johnson). This vaccine is safe and effective.

However, in order to also achieve a sufficient protective effect against the delta variant of the coronavirus, we consider it necessary to get an additional dose even with this vaccine. This is shown by the latest medical findings. For this reason, the Austrian National Vaccination Committee (Nationales Impfgremium, NIG) recommends that all persons who have been vaccinated only once with this vaccine should be vaccinated again (preferably with an mRNA vaccine, Comirnaty from BioNTech/Pfizer or Spikevax from Moderna).

You should arrange to have your second dose as early as 28 days after receiving your primary vaccination with the COVID-19 vaccine Janssen. Schedule an appointment today:

- at www.oesterreich-impft.at/impfanmeldung,
- or with a doctor you trust.
Please note: As of Monday, 03/01/2022, your vaccination certificate for the Green Pass will only be valid if you have received two doses! Get your second dose in time and extend not only your protection but also the validity of your Green Pass!

The coronavirus vaccination is highly effective. It largely protects against a severe or fatal course of the COVID-19 disease and reduces infections. By getting vaccinated, you are not only protecting your own health, but also that of those around you!

But you already know that, because you have already been vaccinated once. Please also follow this recommendation of the medical staff: get your second dose! Make sure you get the best possible protection, for yourself and for those around you.

And as a doctor and health minister, I urge you to talk about it! Tell others about your experience with getting vaccinated and help calm their nerves. You can find more tips on page 3.

The coronavirus vaccination is our way out of the pandemic. We can only do it together. I know I can count on you. I would like to thank you for your huge help already now.

I wish you good health and hope you stay safe and well during the cold period!

Dr. Wolfgang Mückstein
Austrian Federal Minister of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection

Information on registering for and getting the coronavirus vaccination

Register here for the second dose of the coronavirus vaccination:
www.oesterreich-impft.at/impfanmeldung
Information about the coronavirus in different languages:
www.sozialministerium.at/en/Coronavirus.html
Information on getting a coronavirus vaccination in Austria (German and English):
info.gesundheitsministerium.gv.at
1, 2, 3 – go and get vaccinated together!

1. Talk about your experiences!

Tiredness, arm ache or perhaps nothing at all? Everyone reacts to the vaccine in different ways. Talk to others about it and help calm their nerves. By the way: whether you react to the vaccine or not says nothing about how well you are protected.

2. Help with registering and taking people to the centre!

Not everyone has access to the internet and not everyone knows how to use it properly. Help others to register or to fill out data sheets. Once you know what to do, all you have to do is go. Sometimes it is easier when you have someone with you. If you have time, take those around you to get vaccinated. Doing it together often makes it easier.

3. News or “fake news”?

Numerous rumours are circulating around the coronavirus vaccination, its side effects and long-term effects. Take those who talk about it seriously, but remember to still ask: “Oh, but how do you know that?” “Why do you think that?” In a personal conversation it often becomes clear that these are assumptions that are not true.