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Subject: Get your third coronavirus vaccination now!

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Dear Ms xy / dear Mr xy,

This pandemic has gone on far too long for all of us. However, with your help we have already come closer to reaching the end: you have been vaccinated. For this, I would like to say **thank you!**

Medical findings show that this form of protection wears off over time. You know this from other vaccines, such as the tick-borne encephalitis vaccine, where it is necessary to get vaccinated again to maintain protection. Moreover, the Omicron variant increases the risk of infection. The Austrian National Vaccination Committee (Nationales Impfgremium, NIG) therefore recommends getting **a third coronavirus vaccination** with an mRNA vaccine four months after the second vaccination in order to remain well protected for a longer period of time.

Schedule an appointment today for your coronavirus vaccination and find out more:

- at impfen.gv.at or
- ask a doctor you trust.

Please wait for **at least 90 days after your second vaccination before getting your third dose**, as getting vaccinated any sooner would not make any sense from a medical point of view and will not be considered a third vaccination.

Please also note: within Austria and when **travelling within the EU or into foreign EU countries**, evidence of having obtained a series of COVID-19 vaccinations may be required (Green Pass or vaccination certificates).

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 been vaccinated already. **Please follow the recommendation of medical experts again: get your third vaccination! Make sure you get the best possible protection, for yourself and for those around you.**

And there is one last thing I'd like you to do: **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 and would like to thank you for your tremendous contribution.

I wish you good health and hope you stay safe!

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Information on registering for and getting a coronavirus vaccination

Register here for the third coronavirus vaccination:
impfen.gv.at

Information on the coronavirus vaccination in Austria:
info.gesundheitsministerium.gv.at

Frequently asked questions about the coronavirus vaccination:
sozialministerium.at/corona-schutzimpfung-faq

1, 2, 3 – go and get vaccinated together!

1. Talk about your experiences!

Tiredness, an aching arm or perhaps nothing at all? Everyone reacts to the vaccine in different ways. Talk to others about it and help still their fears. 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 how it works, all you have to do is go there. 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 people are making assumptions that are not true.

Explaining fake news

Information from the Danube University Krems:
www.medizin-transparent.at/coronavirus-fakten

Information from “mimikama – Verein zur Aufklärung über Internetmissbrauch”
(Association for Internet Abuse Awareness):
www.mimikama.at/category/coronavirus-2019-ncov

Questions and answers from the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety GmbH
(Agentur für Gesundheit und Ernährungssicherheit, AGES):
www.ages.at/themen/krankheitserreger/coronavirus/faq-coronavirus

Information gathered by the Austrian Ministry for Social Affairs:
www.sozialministerium.at/corona-schutzimpfung-faq