Subject: Get your 3rd coronavirus vaccination now!

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

The latest medical findings show, however, that this form of protection wears off over time. You know this from other vaccines, such as the tick-borne encephalitis vaccine – in this case, it is necessary to get vaccinated again to maintain protection. The Austrian National Vaccination Committee (Nationales Impfgremium, NIG) therefore recommends getting a third coronavirus vaccination with an mRNA vaccine 6 months after the second vaccine in order to remain well protected for a longer period of time.

Are you over 65 years old or belong to a high-risk group? Have you received two doses of the vaccine Vaxzevria from AstraZeneca or work in an occupation with a high risk of infection? Please schedule an appointment for your third vaccine immediately! Everyone else aged 18 and above should get their third vaccine 6 months after the second vaccine. Schedule an appointment today and find out more:

- at www.oesterreich-impft.at/impfanmeldung
- or with a doctor you trust

Please note: The validity of your Green Pass will also change. From 6/12/2021, your vaccination certificate will only be valid for 9 months after the second vaccine. Get your
third vaccine 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 follow the recommendation of medical experts again: Get your third vaccine!** Make sure you get the best possible protection, for yourself and for those around you.

And, as a doctor and the health minister of this country, I urge you to **talk about it!** Tell others about your experience with getting vaccinated and help still their fears. 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

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**Information on registering for and getting a coronavirus vaccination**

Register here for the third coronavirus vaccination:  
{oesterreich-impft.at/impfanmeldung}  
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, arm ache 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 what to do, 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.