

You can get detailed information about vaccination from your doctor or pharmacy or at www.gesundheit.gv.at.

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Vaccines protect you!

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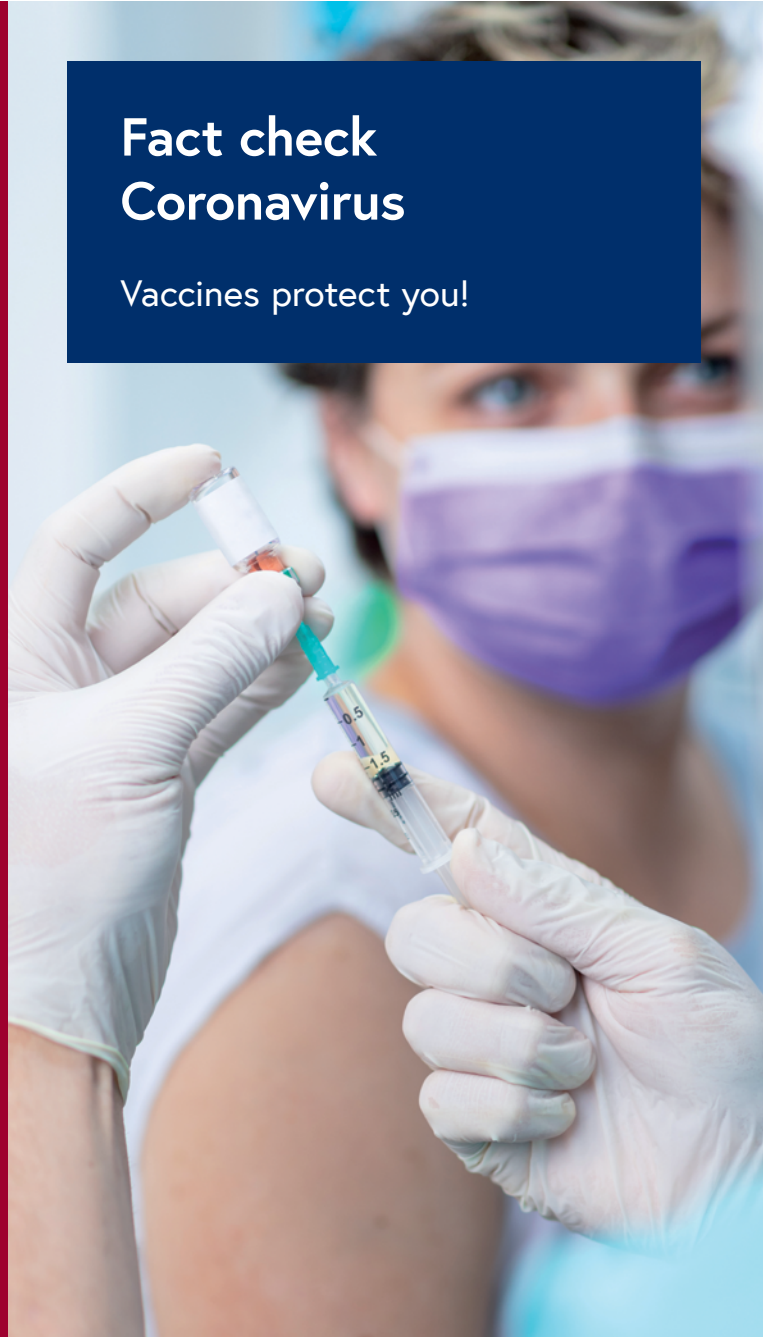
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Coronavirus:

The coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) is mainly passed from person to person and causes the disease COVID-19. This can last for days or even weeks, with symptoms such as fever, cough, loss of sense of smell and taste, and breathlessness. Especially older people and people with pre-existing health conditions are at increased risk of severe illness.

Vaccination protects you from falling ill and from potentially serious consequences of the illness:

COVID-19 can manifest itself not only in inflammation of the respiratory tract but also in other organs. In the case of severe illness, treatment in an intensive care unit may be required. Long-term consequences of COVID-19 can occur even where the illness is symptomless or mild. Vaccination against the coronavirus protects you from COVID-19 and severe illness which may prove fatal.

Coronavirus vaccination at a glance:

- At first, there will not be sufficient vaccine available for everyone to be vaccinated at the same time, so the vaccine will be offered in stages to different groups of people, in accordance with the medical and logistical situation.

- Following vaccination against COVID-19, reactions to the vaccine often occur which usually disappear on their own within a few days.
- Pain, reddening or swelling may very often occur at the vaccination site.
- Symptoms such as tiredness, headache, muscle or joint pain, swelling of the lymph nodes, nausea/vomiting, shivering or fever are also very often experienced. Very often means that more than 1 in 10 vaccinated people are affected.
- Coronavirus vaccines do not alter genetic material and have no effect on fertility.
- The vaccine is administered twice within the space of a few weeks.

Key facts at a glance:

- COVID-19 affects all age groups.
- Serious illness is more likely to occur in older people or people with pre-existing health conditions.
- COVID-19 can have long-term consequences and be fatal.
- Vaccination is the best form of protection.
- The effectiveness and safety of the vaccines have been tested and proven in several thousand people.
- Vaccination is voluntary and free of charge.