



Dear citizens of Bochum,

COVID-19 vaccination is a topic that is currently of concern to many citizens.

What is the benefit of vaccination?

How do I make an appointment?

What do I have to bring with me to the vaccination?

These are just a few of the questions that are on the minds of many citizens. In this flyer, we have summarised the most important facts about vaccination in Bochum.

Please take care of yourself and others by wearing a mask, following hygiene rules, keeping your distance, ventilating.

And: **Get vaccinated!**

Yours, Britta Anger  
Health Officer

## Why you should get vaccinated

COVID-19 (the coronavirus) is a serious disease, often with a severe course that can also lead to death. In particular, risk groups such as older people or the chronically ill are at high risk of suffering a severe course of the disease.

The pandemic also massively restricts our social, economic and cultural life. Vaccination is an effective, tried and tested means of combating disease. Therefore, get vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to

- protect yourself from a severe course of the disease,
- reduce the risk of corona in your family, friends and neighbours;
- and to help contain the pandemic.

## Let's act together!

The contact restrictions can be eased only if all citizens of Bochum act together and get vaccinated. Then we can once again celebrate with our family, our friends and our faith communities, whether it's Christmas, Hanukkah or Eid. Let's do it, it's up to us!

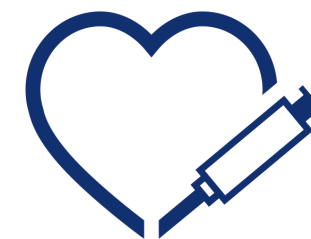
## The Vaccines

### How safe are the vaccines used?

The vaccines are as safe as any other medicine. They have been carefully tested and examined according to the legal standards before they were approved. Even with a shorter approval period, the same standards apply as for medicines whose approval took longer. After market authorisation, they continue to be controlled. A degree of effectiveness of, for example, 60 percent, which appears low at first glance, is a high value from a medical point of view, which many vaccines that have been used successfully for many years do not achieve. In any case, it is sufficient to prevent severe disease progression.

### What are the side effects of vaccination?

As with any other vaccination, there may be side effects. Vaccination reactions usually occur shortly after vaccination and last for a few days. Information on the efficacy and safety of a vaccination can be found in the FAQ of the Robert Koch Institute online at [www.rki.de/SharedDocs/FAQ/COVID-Impfen/gesamt](http://www.rki.de/SharedDocs/FAQ/COVID-Impfen/gesamt)



### Can I still catch COVID-19 after vaccination or transmit the virus without getting sick myself?

Regardless of the manufacturer, the vaccination offers good protection against a severe corona infection. It also reduces the risk of infecting others with the coronavirus.

### Do the vaccines contain animal material?

No, the currently approved vaccines are free of animal material.

### Can I still get pregnant after a vaccination?

Vaccination against COVID-19 has no effect on future pregnancies.

## The Vaccination

### When can I get vaccinated?

The COVID-19 vaccination campaign is progressing steadily. More and more people and occupational groups are being authorised to be vaccinated. A compact overview shows who can be vaccinated, when and by whom.

It can be found at:

[www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/corona-informationen-impfung/corona-impfverordnung-1829940](http://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/corona-informationen-impfung/corona-impfverordnung-1829940)

Please do not visit the vaccination centre without an appointment!

### What do I need to bring with me?

Please bring your identity card, your health insurance card, your appointment confirmation incl. placement code (printed or in digital form) and your vaccination certificate to the vaccination. If you do not have a vaccination certificate, you will receive a certificate of vaccination.

### What is the address of the Bochum Vaccination Centre?

**Impfzentrum Bochum**  
**RuhrCongress Bochum**  
**Stadionring 20**  
**44791 Bochum**



#### How do I get to the Bochum Vaccination Centre by car?

Coming from the A40, take the Stadion exit and drive straight ahead onto the Stadionring. After approx. 400 metres you will pass a roundabout and take the third exit. After approx. 50 metres, the entrance to the underground car park is on your left. A limited number of free parking spaces are available here.

#### How do I get to the Bochum Vaccination Centre by bus and train?

Bus line 354, "RuhrCongress" bus stop  
Tram lines 308, 316 or 318,  
"Vonovia Ruhrstadion" stop  
(walking distance: approx. 5 minutes).

#### Is there barrier-free access to the vaccination centre?

The Vaccination Centre at the RuhrCongress Bochum is accessible without barriers. Wheelchairs are available on site.

#### Are the costs for a taxi covered?

No, transport costs are currently not covered.

#### Can I take someone with me for vaccination?

You can be accompanied by a person to assist you with the vaccination. However, this person will only be vaccinated with a separate appointment.

#### What hygiene rules apply in the vaccination centre?

General hygiene rules apply in the vaccination centre: Keep your distance, observe coughing and sneezing etiquette and wear FFP-2 mask or similar mask.

**Please note:**  
**People with cold symptoms or fever cannot be granted access to the vaccination centre.**



#### How does the vaccination take place?

After registering at the vaccination centre, you will receive a leaflet and a consent form to fill out. You will also have the opportunity to have an informative talk with a doctor. The vaccination itself is carried out by medical staff in a screened area. Afterwards, a short stay of 5 to 10 minutes on site for follow-up is recommended; for patients at risk, the stay should be 30 minutes.

You can download the information sheet and the consent form at:  
[www.bochum.de/impfzentrum/download](http://www.bochum.de/impfzentrum/download)

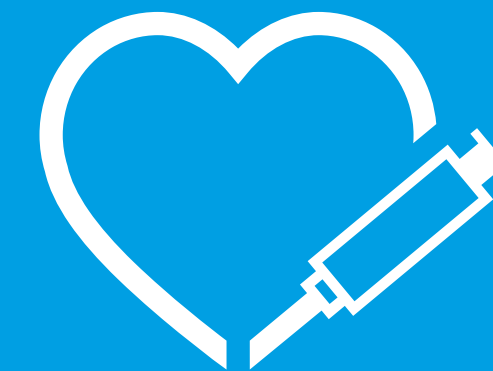
#### Where can I find more information about vaccination?

- **Bochum Vaccination Centre (Impfzentrum Bochum)**  
[www.bochum.de/impfzentrum](http://www.bochum.de/impfzentrum)
- **Robert Koch Institute**  
[www.rki.de](http://www.rki.de)
- **National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians (Kassenärztliche Bundesvereinigung)**  
[www.116117.de/de/corona-impfung.php](http://www.116117.de/de/corona-impfung.php)



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In cooperation with the Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities of Bochum.



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The most important  
things at a glance