

# Vaccination information

Dear parents and guardians of children and young people,

Vaccination against the corona virus was and is the way out of the pandemic. But the corona pandemic is still not over. With this letter we would like to inform you about the corona vaccination for children and young people and introduce you to the vaccination offers here in Offenbach.

With the continuous further development of the hygiene concepts in our schools and the consistent implementation of the concepts, the risk of virus transmission can be reduced. With the vaccination against corona, serious illnesses and long-term consequences in the population should be reduced as far as possible.

In the updated corona vaccination recommendation from December 2021, the Standing Vaccination Committee (STIKO) at the Robert Koch Institute issues a vaccination recommendation for all 5 to 11 year olds with previous illnesses. In addition, the vaccination is particularly recommended for children in whose environment there are contact persons at high risk of a severe course of a disease with Covid-19, who themselves cannot or only insufficiently be protected by vaccination. At your individual request, dear parents and guardians, children without previous illnesses can also be vaccinated. In addition, since August 2021, all 12 to 17-year-olds can be vaccinated even without previous illnesses. The so-called booster vaccination three months after the basic immunization is now also recommended for them.

In addition to protection against infection, transmission and a severe course, the corona vaccination for children and adolescents is also recommended, since it is still unclear how often the long-term consequences of corona disease (Long-COVID) can occur in children and adolescents. STIKO agrees that, based on the current state of knowledge, the benefits of vaccination outweigh the risk of very rare side effects from vaccinations, including among children and young people.

In addition, after full vaccination and refresher (booster), the requirements of the 2G and 3G rules are met in everyday life and access to a wide variety of (leisure) facilities or when using public transport is facilitated.

Since December 2021, the city of Offenbach has been offering vaccination options without waiting times for children between the ages of 5 and 11. Young people from the age of 12 can also be vaccinated in the Offenbach vaccination station in the Bernardbau. All current vaccination offers and information on the subject of vaccination can be found at [www.offenbach.de/impfen](http://www.offenbach.de/impfen)

If possible, you should bring a vaccination card and your health insurance card with you for the vaccination. Must be brought, but a (children's) ID card. An anamnesis and information sheet for the mRNA vaccine are also required and should be completed and signed and taken with you to the vaccination. You, as parents and legal guardians, fill out the forms for the children. When vaccinating children, it should also be noted that all of the child's legal guardians must agree to the vaccination. However, it is not necessary for both to appear at the appointment. A signature is then sufficient. The link to download the consent form can be found at [www.offenbach.de/impfen](http://www.offenbach.de/impfen)

If you are unable to fill out the forms in advance, you can do this at the vaccination station.

Of course, you can get detailed advice from the doctors in the vaccination station.

Information on the children's vaccine from Biontech:

Children between the ages of 5 and 11 receive a vaccine specially adapted for them. The biggest difference to Biontech's "adult vaccine" lies in the dosage and quantity of the administered vaccine: Instead of 30 micrograms of vaccine per 30 milliliters, children only receive 10 micrograms of vaccine in a vaccination volume of 20 milliliters. The composition of the vaccine has also been slightly adjusted in order to increase the shelf life of the vaccine on the one hand and to enable optimal tolerability for children on the other.