

Corona - Vaccination in Bremen

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Basic information

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Requirements

At the vaccination center at Brill and all other vaccination centers, Bremen residents can be vaccinated against the coronavirus during regular opening hours, even without an appointment.

The following persons are entitled to a free vaccination:

- Persons who are insured in the Federal Republic of Germany in the statutory or private health insurance.
- Persons who have their residence or usual place of abode in the Federal Republic of Germany.
- Persons who are treated, cared for, or work in an institution or company in the Federal Republic of Germany.
- Persons working on behalf of an institution or company abroad.
- Persons employed in the Federal Republic of Germany, including seamen, who are employed on board a ship which is berthed in a German seaport or which operates in German inland waters or on German inland waterways.
- Other persons staying in Germany for medical treatment who do not belong to the above-mentioned groups of persons.

Legal basis:

Ordinance on entitlement to protective vaccination against the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (Coronavirus Vaccination Ordinance - CoronaImpfV).

https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/coronaimpfv_2021-09/index.html

Procedure

Legal bases

- [Coronavirus-Impfverordnung – CoronaImpfV](#)

Frequently asked Questions

• How do I get an appointment?

After successful registration on <https://impfzentrum.bremen.de/blocks/home>, you will receive an access code as soon as free dates are available. Please keep in mind that this may take a few days. After receiving the access code, you can select the vaccination center and book your vaccination appointment.

You can also make an appointment by calling the vaccination hotline at 0421/ 5775 1177.

• Where are vaccination centers in the state of Bremen?

In the municipality of Bremen there are currently the following vaccination centers and sites:

- Impfzentrum am Brill
Am Brill 1-3
28195 Bremen
Opening hours:
Mon. - Fri.: 12:00 - 18:30
Sat. & Sun. closed
Opening hours from 27.02.23: Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 16:00.
- Bremen-Nord
Kirchheide 42
28757 Bremen
Opening hours:
Tues.: 09:00 to 15:30
Wed. and Thurs.: 11:30 to 18:00
Closed Mon., Fri., Sat. and Sun.
Opening hours from 20.02.23: Thurs. from 09:00 to 15:30.
- Bremen-East
Bremen-Weserpark

Hans-Bredow-Straße 19
28307 Bremen
Opening hours:
Wed. to Fri.: 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
Closed Mon., Tues., Sat. and Sun.

In the vaccination center Am Brill and in the vaccination centers (incl. Bremerhaven) vaccination without an appointment is possible for all Bremen:in from 12 years.

To avoid longer waiting times you can register at www.impfzentrum.bremen.de and make an appointment. Those who do not have Internet access can also do so by calling the Vaccination Call Center Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at (0421) 5775 1177. Vaccinations without an appointment are also possible. If you want to be vaccinated spontaneously, you should take a look at the vaccination traffic light at www.impfzentrum.bremen.de/blocks/opening-times beforehand. If it is green, vaccination is possible without any problems, if it is yellow, you should allow for waiting time and if it is red, no vaccination can be offered without an appointment.

You are also welcome to contact your attending physician or the practice you trust and ask for a vaccination appointment there.

Where can I get vaccinated in Bremerhaven?

- Impfstellen Bremerhaven
Hanse Carré (3rd floor)
Bürgermeister-Smidt-Straße 10
27568 Bremerhaven

Opening hours:
Monday to Friday: 09:00 to 17:00
Closed Saturday and Sunday

- Mobile vaccination buses Bremerhaven
from 10:00 to 16:00 each day:
Mondays in Leherheide: On Julius-Leber-Platz
Tuesdays in Geestemünde: At the EDEKA parking lot on Georg-Seebeck-Strasse
Wednesdays in Lehe: On Ernst-Reuter-Platz
Thursdays from 10:00 to 16:00 on the parking lot at Edeka Markt Schiffdorfer
Chaussee 18
Fridays in Wulsdorf: On the parking lot in Heinrich-Kappelmann-Straße

- **When can I receive a booster vaccination in the state of Bremen? What is the recommendation of the Standing Commission on Vaccination (STIKO)?**

The Standing Commission on Vaccination (STIKO) recommends a second booster vaccination for all persons over 60 years of age. The second booster vaccination should take place after 6 months. All persons of legal age are given access to a second booster vaccination 6 months after the first booster vaccination, even without an explicit STIKO recommendation. Prior to the vaccination, a medical educational interview takes place.

In the state of Bremen, any person who wishes to be vaccinated can receive a vaccination if they have a residence or workplace in Bremen or Bremerhaven. The last vaccination must be at least 6 months ago. This is independent of whether the first vaccination series was carried out with an mRNA vaccine, Vaxzevria® from AstraZeneca, Janssen® from Johnson&Johnson or as a cross vaccination. Please discuss with your attending health care provider if early vaccination is possible and bring any necessary documents/evidence with you to your vaccination appointment. The vaccinologist will make an on-site decision about whether to administer a booster vaccination.

You can read the current recommendations for booster vaccinations at www.rki.de.

- **What can you do if you are unable to access the city's immunization services?**

If you are unable to visit the vaccination sites, we are unfortunately unable to offer you vaccination at this time. For logistical reasons, we cannot perform individual vaccinations in private households. Please contact the doctor's office you trust.

- **I have already received my full vaccination protection. From when and for whom does it make sense to have a booster vaccination?**

Individuals whose full vaccination, whether with an mRNA vaccine, AstraZeneca's Vaxzevria® or as a heterologous vaccination with Vaxzevria® and an mRNA vaccine, was given more than 3 months ago are eligible for booster vaccination with an mRNA vaccine. The current recommendations on booster vaccinations can be found at www.rki.de.

- **Can children and adolescents be vaccinated during outreach with the vaccination mobile?**

Children and adolescents between the ages of 12 and 15 can be vaccinated at the vaccination mobile campaigns in the city districts. Note: Vaccination is only possible with a written declaration of consent from the parents or legal guardians or persons with custody. The consent forms for 12- to 15-year-olds and 16- and 17-year-olds can each be found at: <https://www.gesundheit.bremen.de/corona/impfen-gegen-corona/infomaterial-zur-impfung-37981>

The 12- to 15-year-olds must also be accompanied by at least one adult companion at the vaccination centers or vaccination trucks. Alternatively, vaccinations are also possible at established pediatricians, adolescents, general practitioners or specialists. 16- and 17-year-olds can be vaccinated with the consent of a parent or guardian.

- **I am a resident:in a retirement and nursing home**

Is vaccinated by?

All residents of residential care facilities for the elderly have already been offered vaccination. If you are a new resident or have returned after an extended absence, the attending physician or health care provider is responsible for vaccination.

- **How can the appointment be changed? (Should callers:inside wish this after confirmation of the appointments for important reasons).**

To change an appointment, you must enter your code again at <https://impfzentrum.bremen.de/>. In the lower area there is a button "Cancel appointment". After clicking this, you must enter your date of birth for identification. After that, appointments can be canceled and the code is unlocked for a new appointment. If the first vaccination appointment is already in the past, an additional button "CHANGE SECOND APPOINTMENT" will appear.

For verification, the date of birth of the vaccinator(s) must be entered again, then a new second appointment can be selected and saved in the last step.

Current notice:

At the vaccination center at Brill and all other vaccination centers, Bremen residents can also be vaccinated against the coronavirus without an appointment during regular opening hours.

- **If the vaccination appointment is missed, how can a new appointment be made?**

If you do not keep the appointment, the appointment will expire. The access code can still be used to make a new appointment.

However, if you have already missed the 2nd appointment, the code is blocked and you must call the vaccination hotline on 0421 5775 1177.

- **Where can you get more information?**

The easiest way to find up-to-date and detailed information is on the Internet, for example on the Robert Koch Institute's websites www.rki.de and www.wir-gegen-viren.de.

- **I got a SARS-CoV-2 infection after my first vaccination. When can I have the second vaccination?**

If you have received a vaccination and develop corona within the first four weeks after vaccination, the Standing Committee on Vaccination (STIKO) recommends that the 2nd vaccination should not take place until 3 months after detection. If corona disease occurs after 4 weeks following vaccination, then the STIKO does not recommend a 2nd vaccination.

The STIKO recommends a booster vaccination after 6 months.

In individual cases, the vaccinator will advise you on site whether an early vaccination after 3 or 4 months is medically necessary and reasonable.

- **Who pays for the vaccination?**

The vaccinations are free of charge. The costs are borne by the federal and state governments.

- **What side effects or vaccination reactions should I expect?**

Vaccination reactions may occur following the Corona vaccination, as with any other vaccination. Vaccination reactions usually last only a few days.

Reactions at the injection site:

- Pain at the injection site,
- Redness at the injection site,
- Swelling at the injection site.

General symptoms:

- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle pain

Those who experience side effects four to 16 days after vaccination should seek medical attention. Vaccinated individuals should contact a health care provider immediately if they develop symptoms such as shortness of breath, abdominal pain or swelling in the arms or legs four to 16 days after vaccination. The same applies if a headache is severe or persistent or if there is pinpoint bleeding on the skin.

- **Do I still have to wear a mask after vaccination? Will I be exempt from restrictions if I am vaccinated or will I still have to be quarantined?**

The existing AHA rules continue to apply. Necessary quarantine in case of contact is decided by the health department for each individually. Personal restrictions apply in 3G or 2G mode depending on the infection event.

- **Can a vaccination against coronavirus be given at the same time as another vaccination (example: allergy vaccination)? Is a time interval recommended?**

No minimum interval is required between vaccinations with COVID-19 vaccines and other inactivated vaccines.

- **During the time of my second vaccination I am a patient in the hospital. What happens to the date of the second vaccination?**

In this case, the second vaccination appointment can be postponed without any problems. The patient can postpone the appointment to another time when they are at home and mobile again.

- **Is barrier-free access available at immunization sites?**

Accessibility is ensured in all vaccination centers. All persons concerned are vaccinated in special barrier-free booths. In addition, blind persons have the possibility to bring their guide dog for vaccination. In addition, assistance can be provided upon request.

- **Are wheelchairs available at immunization sites?**

Yes, wheelchairs are available for loan everywhere.

- **Because of my severe disability or need for care, I may be entitled to health transportation funded by my health insurance. Where can I go?**

If you are in possession of a severely disabled person's ID card with the symbol "aG", "Bl" or "H" or if you have been classified by the nursing care insurance company in nursing care degree 3 (with permanent mobility impairment), 4 or 5, the transport costs will be covered by your statutory health insurance company.

Your family doctor can issue you a prescription for patient transport, which you can then use to take a cab or a driving service free of charge.

- **Do I need a vaccination card to get vaccinated?**

No, you do not need a vaccination certificate. You can get a vaccination card at the vaccination center. If you have a vaccination card, you should bring it with you.

- **How does the vaccination process work in the vaccination centers?**

The vaccination centers belong to medical institutions. Therefore, the mask requirement still applies in the vaccination centers.

Please come to the vaccination center and wear a FFP2 mask in the vaccination center. If you forget it, we can give you a mask at the entrance. You are welcome to bring a companion with you.

If possible, please bring the following documents with you:

- Identity card or passport
- Health card (health insurance card), if available
- Vaccination card, if available (if you do not have a vaccination card, we will issue a replacement vaccination card on site)

Please bring the following additional proof if you have had Covid-19 disease:

- Positive PCR or, if applicable, antibody test result (not older than 6 months).
- Discharge letter after inpatient treatment
- original medical certificate

Results of qualified antibody tests to prove contact with SARS-CoV-2 are sometimes not recognized. Validity will be verified on site.

Please bring the following documents if you are 16 or 17 years old:

- A completed consent form from a:n guardian(s), custodian(s) or caregiver(s).
- Alternatively, you can be accompanied on site by a guardian, custodian or caregiver.

- **I am pregnant/breastfeeding, can I currently receive a vaccination?**

The Standing Commission on Vaccination (STIKO) announced on Sept. 10, 2021, that general vaccination is recommended in pregnancy from the second trimester and by nursing mothers.

Since 18.11.21, the STIKO also recommends booster vaccination for pregnant women.

- **What is the digital immunization record and when can the electronic immunization record be used?**

The digital vaccination record is an additional way to document Corona vaccinations. Vaccinated individuals can use it to conveniently store information such as vaccination date and vaccine digitally on their smartphones - either in the CovPass app or in the Corona Alert app.

- **Will I receive proof of vaccination if I have already had COVID-19?**

If you have already been ill, only one vaccination after four weeks is recommended. You are considered to have been vaccinated after a COVID-19 illness as if you had been vaccinated for the first time, so you will then only receive your second vaccination and thus your proof of vaccination.

The following proofs are accepted for the implementation of a vaccination after a passed SARS-CoV-2 infection:

- Positive result of a PCR test or qualified antibody test.
- Discharge letter after inpatient treatment
- Original medical certificate

Evidence from rapid antigen tests is generally not accepted.

Note: You will receive a vaccination certificate from the vaccination centers after submission of the antibody test and after administration of a vaccine dose, which shows 2/2 in the smartphone. However, since you have received only one vaccination, the 1/2 vaccination is not deposited. This is also not legally possible, due to the COVID-19 Protective Measures Exemption Ordinance. So it is not a recovery certificate!

- **I have lost my vaccination certificate and have already been vaccinated at the vaccination center/ vaccination center or via a mobile team.**

There is an application for a new vaccination certificate on the Internet at:

The Senator for Health, Women and Consumer Protection - FAQs on the vaccination certificate/gene certificate (bremen.de)

You must send the application as an e-mail to:
ersatzbescheinigung@impfzentrum.bremen.de

You can also send a letter to the following address:
Stabsstelle Impfen
Impfzentrum Am Brill
z.Hd. Orga-Leitung
Am Brill 1 -3
28195 Bremen

Within a maximum of one week you will receive the new vaccination certificate by mail.

- **I received my first vaccination at my attending physician's office. Can my second vaccination also be given at the Bremen vaccination center?**

In general, the vaccinations should be carried out either completely at the vaccination center or completely at the attending physician's office.

If the second appointment with the attending physician is not possible, the second vaccination can take place at the Bremen vaccination center. A reason for such a change is, for example, the closure of a practice or the doctor no longer participates in the vaccination campaign. If citizens inquire, always like to refer to the registration list. There, two appointments must still be booked with the code sent. The second appointment will then be cancelled on the day of the vaccination.

- **How do I get a digital COVID-19 vaccination certificate?**

Three things are necessary for the digital vaccination card:

- the complete vaccination,
- a smartphone
- CovPass app or Corona Warn app.

On site, you will be informed about this option at the check-out in the vaccination centers and receive a vaccination certificate with a QR code.

- **Is the paper vaccination card still valid now?**

Yes, the digital vaccination certificate is an additional voluntary offer. If you do not have a digital vaccination certificate or have lost it, the paper vaccination certificate is valid.

- **Information for travelers**

Important COVID-19 information for travelers can be found on the website of the German Foreign Office and on the website of the Robert Koch Institute (RKI). Anyone traveling within the EU who has already been vaccinated against Corona should take the yellow vaccination certificate with them in addition to the digital vaccination certificate, as not every country is yet at the same stage with the digital vaccination certificate procedure and has the corresponding technical equipment.

Please also check whether your vaccination series is recognized in the destination country.

Information can be found here: Paul-Ehrlich-Institut - Coronavirus and COVID-19 - List of approvals and vaccine product names in third countries (outside EU and EEA) - as of 21.12.2021 (pei.de).

- **The PCR test was performed more than 180 days ago.**

The recovery certificate expires after 180 days from a positive PCR test result (EU-wide regulation). At present, the system is not able to issue certificates that have already expired.

- **Only antibody detection and no PCR test is available.**

In its latest update of the STIKO recommendation, the Standing Committee on Vaccination (STIKO) stated that specific antibody tests that retroactively detect an infection with the Corona virus are also suitable as proof of a passed infection. However, some conditions must be fulfilled here. For example, the test must have been examined by a recognized laboratory. The COVID-19-Protective Measures Exemption Ordinance (SchAusnahmV) as of 08.05.2021, however, continues to define that recovered persons must present PCR evidence. Antibody detection has not yet been included here and therefore cannot be recognized. Since the vaccination centers in Bremen proceed according to the recommendations of the STIKO, persons who have already had Corona and can prove this with one of the documents below will only be vaccinated once. Note: You will receive a vaccination certificate from the vaccination centers after presenting the antibody test and after receiving one vaccine dose, which shows 2/2 in the smartphone. However, since you have received only one vaccination, the 1/2 vaccination is not deposited. This is also not legally possible, due

to the COVID-19 Protective Measures Exemption Ordinance. So it is not a recovery certificate!

- **I was vaccinated abroad with a Covid-19 vaccine not licensed in Germany.**

An overview of foreign vaccines recognized in this country can be found here: Paul-Ehrlich-Institut - Coronavirus und COVID-19 [Coronavirus und COVID-19 \(pei.de\)](https://www.pei.de)

If you were vaccinated abroad with a COVID-19 vaccine that is not approved in Germany, the following applies:

If you received basic immunization (primary and secondary) with CoronaVac from Sinovac, Covilo from Sinopharm or Covaxin from Bharat Biotech International Ltd, Sputnik V from Gamelaya, were vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine that is not licensed in the EU. They are recommended by STIKO to optimize their vaccination protection in the form of a booster vaccination with an mRNA vaccine. The optimization should be performed 6 months after the second vaccination.

If you have already received a booster vaccination abroad, a single vaccination with an mRNA vaccine is recommended. Here, a minimum interval of 3 months from the last vaccination should be observed.

Currently, the recognition of the four above-mentioned vaccines by the Federal Ministry of Health is still pending. We ask for your understanding when issuing the corresponding vaccination certificate.

If you have received other vaccines that are not approved in the EU, you are considered unvaccinated in Germany and will receive a complete basic immunization or booster vaccination according to the STIKO recommendation.

Please seek advice and contact your vaccinating physicians.

- **I have cold symptoms. May I enter the vaccination sites in Bremen to receive my vaccination?**

We ask you not to enter the vaccination sites with cold symptoms (cough, cold, sore throat or fever).

We ask you to postpone your appointment.

The appointment can be rescheduled using the code. Either online via (<https://impfzentrum.bremen.de/>) or if the code is no longer available, via the vaccination hotline on 0421 5775 1177.

Furthermore, you can also contact your family doctor for your vaccination.

- **I have received my previous vaccinations against SARS-COV-2 at my attending physician's office. Can my further vaccination also take place at the vaccination center / vaccination sites in Bremen?**

You can get your second vaccination and booster shots at all vaccination sites.

You can register and make an appointment at www.impfzentrum.bremen.de. If you do not have internet access, then you can call the Immunization Call Center Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at (0421)5775 1177 to make an appointment.

Alternatively, it is possible to receive a booster vaccination through the open vaccination offer without booking an appointment in advance.

- **Are there documents included with the invitation letter that need to be completed and brought in advance?**

Children and adolescents between the ages of 12 and 17 have been sent, along with the invitation letter, the consent form, which must be filled out and signed by the parents. This consent form must be brought to the vaccination.

All other age groups do not need to bring the documents that were sent to them. You will receive an information sheet and a consent and medical history form on site at the Bremen Immunization Center.

- **The digital vaccination certificate has an expiration date. Does this mean that my vaccination protection will also expire?**

The digital vaccination certificate is still valid after the expiration date. The digital vaccination certificate can be renewed in the app.

- **The PCR test is older than 180 days (= 6 months).**

The certificate of recovery has an expiry date. EU-wide it is regulated that a PCR test loses its validity after 180 days (6 months).

- **Why do I need a booster shot?**

The coronavirus vaccines generally provide effective and sustained protection against severe disease.

The decline in vaccine protection associated with infection may increase the risk of severe disease.

- **What is the vaccination process for children 12 to 17 years old?**

To enable 12 to 17 year olds to be vaccinated with the BioNTech/Pfizer vaccine, there are online registration lists in the state of Bremen. The registration lists can be found at the following link: <https://impfzentrum.bremen.de/registration/hb>.

Note: Vaccination is only possible with a written declaration of consent from the parents or legal guardians or persons with custody.

The consent forms for 12- to 15-year-olds and 16- and 17-year-olds, respectively, can be found at:

<https://www.gesundheit.bremen.de/corona/impfen-gegen-corona/infomaterial-zur-impfung-37981>

The 12- to 15-year-olds must also appear at the vaccination center accompanied by at least one adult.

Alternatively, vaccinations are also possible at established pediatricians and adolescents, as well as general practitioners or specialists.

Children and adolescents between the ages of 12 and 17 are offered only the BioNTech vaccine at the Bremen vaccination centers, the vaccination centers and the mobile vaccination teams.

Booster vaccination of adolescents

All 12- to 17-year-olds who present themselves at the state vaccination facilities in the state of Bremen can receive a booster vaccination after medical consultation.

The following conditions must be met for this:

- 12- to 15-year-olds must bring completed and signed consent forms from both legal guardians and be accompanied by at least one adult.

16- and 17-year-olds must bring the consent form of at least one parent or guardian.

This statement explicitly does NOT apply to 5 to 11 year olds!

- **I have recovered and received a vaccination. I have undergone SARS-CoV-2 infection after my COVID-19 vaccination.**

According to the STIKO, persons who have undergone a Corona infection and then received a vaccination can receive a booster vaccination after 6 months.

Persons who have undergone SARS-CoV-2 infection after COVID-19 vaccination may also receive booster vaccination at 6-month intervals after infection.

- **Your question was not answered?**

Please fill out the following contact form:

<https://www.gesundheit.bremen.de/sixcms/detail.php?gsid=bremen229.c.38895.de>

or call the Vaccination Call Center at 0421 5775 1177.

Our colleagues on the vaccination hotline are available from Monday to Friday between 9:00 and 17:00 and will be happy to help you.

- **I would like to get vaccinated but am allergic to the mRNA vaccines.**

Please discuss medical questions with your general practitioner or specialist. Prior to vaccination in a doctor's office or by a mobile vaccination team, a detailed educational discussion with a doctor will take place. Here you will receive expert information on your questions. After the discussion, you are still free to decide whether you want to be vaccinated or not.

- **I have suffered a vaccination injury. What can I do?**

Information on the topic of vaccination damage can be found at:

Infection Protection Act (IfSG) - Office for Supply and Integration Bremen

<https://www.avib.bremen.de/entschaedigungsrecht/infektionsschutzgesetz-ifsg-12939>

- **I have fled and have no documentation or papers. Can I be vaccinated?**

If you have been vaccinated with a vaccine not licensed in the EU or vaccination certificates/vaccination cards are not available, you will receive a new basic immunization in accordance with the current STIKO recommendations. You will also receive booster vaccinations. Vaccinations are also possible without ID proof or health insurance.

- **Facility-based mandatory vaccination - Since when has facility-based mandatory vaccination been in effect?**

The facility-based immunization (ebIp) requirement is effective March 16, 2022.

- **Facility-based mandatory vaccination - From when does the facility-based mandatory vaccination apply?**

The facility-based immunization requirement is effective March 16, 2022.

- **Facility-based mandatory vaccination - In which facilities does facility-based mandatory vaccination apply?**

An overview of the affected facilities and further information on this topic can be found under Section 20a (1) sentence 1 number 1 IfSG.

In addition, the Federal Ministry of Health (BGM) has provided an overview

created:

<https://www.zusammengegegencorona.de/impfen/gesundheits-und-pflegeberufe-impfen/einrichtungsbezogene-impfpflicht/>

- **Facility-based mandatory vaccination - Until when does the facility-based mandatory vaccination apply?**

On December 31, 2022, the regulation on the facility-based vaccination obligation of the Infection Protection Act §20 a expires. As a result, all testing procedures at the Bremen Health Office will be terminated and all personal data collected will be deleted. The reporting portal, through which employers had to report personnel concerned, will be closed at the same time. For more information, see: The facility-based vaccination requirement expires on December 31, 2022. <https://www.senatspressestelle.bremen.de/pressemitteilungen/die-einrichtungsbezogene-impfpflicht-laeuft-zum-31-dezember-2022-aus-414489?asl=bremen02.c.732.de>

- **Facility-based vaccination requirement - Will individuals with two vaccinations be considered unvaccinated as of October 1?**

Complete vaccination protection exists when 3 individual vaccinations have been given. The certificates of persons who have only received two vaccinations (or only one in the cases of Section 22a (1) Sentence 2 IfSG) thus expire at the end of September 30, 2022. In accordance with Section 20a (4) IfSG, these persons are

obliged to submit a new certificate to the management of the facility or company within one month of the expiry of the validity of the previous certificate.

- **Facility-based vaccination requirement - What do I have to prove as an employee:in?**

Affected individuals must provide one of the following proofs to their facility director:

- Proof of immunization in English, French, German, Italian, or Spanish as defined in Section 2(3) of the COVID-19 Protective Measures Exemption Ordinance https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/schausnahmv/_2.html Proof of immunization may be submitted in hard copy or digital format. Further criteria for the proof of vaccination can be found at: https://www.pei.de/DE/newsroom/dossier/coronavirus/coronavirus-inhalt.html?nn=169730&cms_pos=3.
- A proof of recovery in English, French, German, Italian, or Spanish as defined in Section 2(5) of the COVID-19- Protective Measures Exemption Ordinance. The proof can be submitted in paper form or in digital form. Further criteria for the proof of recovery can be found at https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Gene_senennachweis.html

A medical certificate stating that you cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19 for medical reasons or that you are in the first trimester of pregnancy.

- **Facility-based immunization requirement - To whom do I have to prove my immunization status as an employee:in?**

The vaccination status or the proofs according to question 4 must be proven to the employer. Proof to the responsible health office is not necessary.

- **Facility-based immunization requirement - Who is considered fully immunized?**

All currently available vaccines are administered in two doses according to the recommendation of the Standing Commission on Vaccination (STIKO) at the Robert Koch Institute. Basic immunization is achieved on the 15th day after the 2nd vaccination. Only then is one currently considered fully vaccinated.

Even individuals who have been vaccinated with Johnson & Johnson's vaccine must receive a 2nd vaccination to be considered basic immunized. Because of the highly contagious Omicron variant and the reduced primary protection that the vaccine provides against severe courses, the 2nd vaccination with an mRNA vaccine or Novavax is recommended. Therefore, 2 vaccine doses are required to be considered "fully vaccinated."

A tabular overview and further information on the topic can be found here:

Until September 30, 2022, proof of two individual vaccinations is sufficient; after October 1, a total of three individual vaccinations must have taken place, with the last vaccination occurring at least three months after the second individual vaccination. In certain cases, one vaccination is sufficient until September 30, 2022, and two individual vaccinations are sufficient from October 1 if:

- Prior to the first vaccination, there was an infection proven with antibody testing.
- Prior to the second vaccination, there was an infection detected by PCR test.
- After the second vaccination, there was an infection detected by PCR test and 28 days have passed since testing.

- **Facility-based mandatory immunization - I am an employer:in in facilities with mandatory immunization, what do I need to report?**

Employers must report employees who have not been vaccinated or who cannot provide proof of vaccination in accordance with question 4 to the relevant health authority. In addition, you must report those employees for whom you have doubts about the authenticity or accuracy of the certificate.

In doing so, you must report the name, date of birth and address of the employees.

- **Facility-based mandatory vaccination - I am an employer:in, when and how do I report the unvaccinated employees?**

In the state of Bremen, the non-vaccinated personnel of the respective affected facility are reported via a reporting portal that has been set up. The reports are possible from Bremen as well as from Bremerhaven.

The portal for the city of Bremen can be found at www.impfpflicht.gesundheitsamt.bremen.de, the portal for Bremerhaven at www.impfpflicht.gesundheitsamt.bremerhaven.de. After registration, you will receive the necessary access data from your responsible health office by mail.

The reports of non-vaccinated employees can be carried out from 15.3. and must be made immediately.

- **Facility-based mandatory vaccination - How do self-employed individuals proceed?**

Self-employed persons must document the relevant evidence so that, in the event of an official inspection, it can be proven that these were available at the time of the deadline.

In addition, freelance employees must also register and report if they have not been vaccinated:

www.impfpflicht.gesundheitsamt.bremen.de or

www.impfpflicht.gesundheitsamt.bremerhaven.de

- **Facility-based mandatory vaccination - What happens after reporting unvaccinated employees?**

The notifications are checked by the respective health office responsible. Persons without vaccination protection will consequently receive a written request to prove their vaccination status to their employer.

If the request for proof of vaccination is not complied with within a reasonable period of time, the health authority may prohibit the person concerned from entering the facilities and companies concerned, or prohibit the person from working in such facilities and companies.

If a complete vaccination is carried out at a later date, the ban on entering or working shall be lifted.

- **Facility-based Immunization Requirement - As an employer:in, what do I do if employees who have been reported as unvaccinated submit proof after 3/15/2022?**

If you subsequently receive proof of vaccination, you can log back into the reporting portal and delete the relevant employees from the reports.

- **Facility-based vaccination requirement - Can I still work after 3/15/2022 if I am not vaccinated?**

Non-vaccinated employees can still work in the facilities after March 15, 2022. A ban on activities does not apply automatically, but must be pronounced by the responsible health office. Prior to this, you will be requested by the health office to provide appropriate proof and will be given the opportunity for a hearing.

- **Facility-based mandatory vaccination - What is the purpose of facility-based mandatory vaccination?**

The compulsory vaccination serves, among other things, to protect against infection, to prevent further spread of the virus, and to relieve the burden on hospitals.

Personnel in the health care professions and professions caring for people in need of care and people with disabilities have a special responsibility because they have intensive and close contact with groups of people at high risk for severe, most severe, or even fatal COVID-19 disease progression. Reliable protection against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus through a very high vaccination rate among personnel in these occupations is particularly important because it reduces the risk that the groups of people at particular risk will become infected with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

- **Facility-based immunization requirement - Which individuals are not covered by the facility-based immunization requirement(edlp) regulations?**

Primarily, individuals who are not part of the facility staff of an affected facility are exempt.

Examples include:

- Mail carriers or package deliverers and other persons who are only in the facility for a very insignificant period of time.
- Persons who exclusively carry out work on the building outside the facility or the company (e.g. construction workers, industrial climbers, etc.).
- Tradespeople working on a one-time/non-regular basis.
- Legal guardians, guardianship judges, home supervisors and other persons performing similar functions.
- Members of the police, fire department or emergency services who enter the facility or company as part of a mission.
- Persons treated, cared for (including medically or nursing examined), maintained or housed in the facilities or businesses.
- Persons with disabilities who receive services for participation in working life in a workshop for disabled persons or with another service provider.
- Visitors of the treated, assisted, cared for or accommodated persons (e.g. relatives).

The wording of the law is broad. In principle, it does not matter whether the person working in a facility or company has direct contact with the vulnerable groups of persons. Persons who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons are excluded from the regulation. In this case, the presentation of an appropriate medical certificate is required.

- **Facility-based immunization requirement - Do minors fall under the facility-based immunization requirement?**

Yes, minors are also covered by the facility-based immunization requirement regulations.

- **Facility-based immunization requirement - I volunteer at an affected facility/ I work at an affected facility but do not count as medical staff (e.g., cleaner). Do I also fall under the regulations?**

The type of employment is not decisive.

The persons covered by the facility-related vaccination obligation are all persons working there, including those outside the medical staff. Therefore, trainees, students completing practical training periods at the facility concerned, persons doing their voluntary service, and temporary workers are also covered.

- **Facility-based immunization requirement - Is there more specific information on who is affected by the facility-based immunization requirement?**

The Infection Protection Act defines the facilities affected in each case. The facilities or employers must report the non-vaccinated employees to the public health department. In general, the person must work in the facility or company on a regular basis (not just a few days) and not just temporarily (not just a few minutes at a time, but over a longer period of time).

This means that the following persons in particular are subject to the verification requirement:

- (external) craftsmen who work on a regular basis, in particular health care craftsmen such as orthopedic technicians and medical chiropodists, but also persons who regularly carry out repairs in the building
- Employees in administration or in technical or IT services, in management/ management, unless there is a clear spatial demarcation from the persons treated, accommodated or cared for in the facility or company.
- Hairdressers who come to the affected facilities to cut hair.
- Freelancers (e.g., honorary employees, consultants, or similar).
- Students, e.g., of human medicine, who are involved in patient care at an affected facility or who complete practical training periods there.
- Trainees.

- **Facility-based vaccination obligation - What applies if the person concerned is on maternity or parental leave or is subject to an employment ban when the submission deadline expires?**

Persons who are on maternity leave, parental leave or on complete leave due to nursing leave or who are subject to a ban on employment at the time of expiry of the time limit are not required to submit their data until they return.

The same applies to special leave, sick leave or suspension of employment due to temporary reduction in earning capacity.

- **Facility-based mandatory vaccination - Are there also exemptions for religious reasons?**

No, the law does not provide for an exception or exemption for religious reasons.

According to the experience of other countries with a vaccination certificate or compulsory vaccination, the legislator has deliberately provided an exception only for persons who cannot receive a vaccination for medical reasons

- **Facility-based vaccination obligation - What is to be done with persons who, by the end of March 15, 2022, can only provide proof of initial vaccination? (as long as they are not considered vaccinated by way of exception)?**

With respect to existing personnel:

Since these persons are not considered vaccinated persons for purposes of Section 2(2) of the COVID-19 Protective Measures Exemption Ordinance, the health department must first be notified here, as with all other persons who have not provided proof by the end of March 15, 2022. The Health Department will review the facts and decide how to proceed.

With respect to new hires after March 15, 2022:

Until these individuals have full immunization coverage, they may not work in the affected facilities.

- **Facility-based mandatory vaccination - How exactly do I proceed as an employer:in?**

- You query the vaccination or immune status of your employees.
- You register your company at www.impfpflicht.gesundheitsamt.bremen.de or www.impfpflicht.gesundheitsamt.bremerhaven.de.
- You immediately enter all employees there who have not been vaccinated or whose vaccination or immune status is unclear.
- If employees subsequently submit their vaccination status, update the information in the reporting portal.

- **Facility-based mandatory vaccination - How exactly do I proceed as an employee?**

- You provide proof of your vaccination or immune status to your employer. If you cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons, you must provide a doctor's certificate.
- If you cannot provide proof, you will receive mail from the Health Department after 3/16. You will be asked to present your proof to your employer within four weeks.
- If you are again unable to provide proof, you will again receive a letter from the Health Department with four weeks' notice. In this letter, you will again be asked

to provide proof and you will be given the opportunity to comment. If you do not provide proof within this period, you will then be banned from working.

- **I have recovered and received three vaccinations. Can I get another vaccination?**

The STIKO does not recommend a 4th vaccination after 3 times vaccination and then recovery. However, after individual educational discussion and consultation, a 2nd booster vaccination is possible in the state of Bremen for all persons over 18 years of age. We recommend the greatest possible interval to the last event. At least 6 months to the last vaccination and at least 3 months to the infection should be observed.

Vaccination is also possible ahead of time in the case of certain pre-existing conditions. Please bring all medical records to the interview. Example: 3rd vaccination in October 2021, infection 4 months later in February 2022. Vaccination is only possible three months after infection, i.e. in May 2022. This corresponds to a gap of 7 months to the last vaccination.

- **When will I be fully vaccinated?**

As of Oct. 1, 2022, you are considered fully vaccinated if:

Three vaccinations (interval of at least three months between second and third vaccination) or

Two vaccinations if.

- Prior to the first vaccination, an infection proven with antibody testing.
- Before the second vaccination, there was an infection detected by PCR test.
- After the second vaccination, there was an infection detected by PCR test and 28 days have passed since testing.

- **Where can I get a recovered proof?**

You can get a convalescent detection at the pharmacy.

For this you need a positive PCR test.

- **Which vaccine is used for booster vaccination?**

In the city of Bremen, Germany, BioNTech's Omikron-adapted mRNA vaccine BA.4-5 has been used as standard for booster vaccinations since September 22, 2022.

Currently, the vaccine is licensed for individuals 12 years of age and older. In Bremerhaven, the adapted vaccine BA.4-5 from Moderna is also used for booster vaccinations.

- **What vaccines are generally available?**

In the city of Bremen, the vaccine from BioNTech is used for basic immunization and the adapted BA. 4-5 from BioNTech is used for booster vaccinations.

In Bremerhaven the following vaccines are available:

BioNTech, BioNTech BA.4-5

Moderna, Moderna BA.4-5

Johnson & Johnson

Novavax is not vaccinated in the vaccination centers in Bremen and Bremerhaven.