

Additional information

General information on refugees and health issued by the Federal Ministry of Health



Online Health Guide (English) issued by the Federal Ministry of Health:

www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/topics/health-guide-for-asylum-seekers.html

Immunisation Schedule issued by the Robert Koch Institute in several languages



Explanatory material on various vaccinations issued by the Robert Koch Institute in several languages:




https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/Infekt/Impfen/Materialien/materialien_fremdsprachig_inhalt.html

Information on coronavirus in several languages



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General information

In principle, refugees and asylum seekers are vaccinated in accordance with the recommendations made by the Standing Committee on Vaccination (STIKO). In order to provide people arriving with the best possible protection there are additional vaccination recommendations for migrants and those seeking protection on arrival in Germany.

Recommended vaccinations

Children ≥ 2 to < 9 months

- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) - (DTaP)*
- Poliomyelitis/Kinderlähmung (IPV)
- Haemophilus influenzae Typ b (Hib)
- Hepatitis B (HBV)



Children ≥ 9 months to < 5 years

- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DTaP)*
- Poliomyelitis/Kinderlähmung (IPV)
- Haemophilus influenzae Typ b (Hib)
- Hepatitis B (HBV)
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR-V)

Children and adolescents ≥ 5 to < 18 years

- Coronavirus vaccination (COVID-19)**
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis and Poliomyelitis (Tdap-IPV)
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR-V)

* A 5-in-one vaccine may be used.

** The COVID-19 vaccine is only recommended for children between the ages of 5 and 12 if there are relevant underlying diseases or if they are in close contact with people at high risk in their surroundings.

Adults born after 1970

- Coronavirus vaccination (COVID-19)
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis and Poliomyelitis (Tdap-IPV)
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR-V)

Adults born before 1971

- Coronavirus vaccination (COVID-19)
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis and Poliomyelitis (Tdap-IPV)

It is possible to administer the various vaccines specified at the same time or in combination with the coronavirus vaccination (BioNTech and Moderna).

Exception: There should be a 14-day gap between live vaccinations and the COVID-19 vaccination. This 14-day gap also applies between Novavax and all other vaccines specified above.

Children and adolescents must provide proof of a measles vaccination to attend kindergarten or school.

Healthcare

Those seeking asylum in Germany do not initially have health insurance. For this reason, public authorities (Social Services or the Health Department) provide healthcare in accordance with the German Asylum Seekers Benefits Act [Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz].

The healthcare provided covers treatment by a doctor, as well as mandatory vaccinations and medically required prophylactic examinations (check-ups).

Coronavirus vaccination

The purpose of the vaccination is, on the one hand, to counter the spread of the coronavirus and, on the other, to minimise potential health consequences of COVID-19 infection. The following vaccines are administered in Saarland:

- BioNTech (Comirnaty)
- Moderna (Spikevax)
- Johnson and Johnson (Janssen)
- Novavax (Nuvaxovid)

Vaccinations against coronavirus are given at vaccination centres, doctors' surgeries or within the framework of mobile vaccination campaigns.

Vaccination appointments at vaccination centres can be made online at www.impfen-saarland.de or via the hotline numbers (0681) 501-44 22 or (0800) 9 99 16 99.

You can find the locations of the vaccination centres at: www.saarland.de/impfzentrum

N.B.

Those vaccinated abroad with a COVID-19 vaccine not authorised in the EU (e.g. Sinovac, Sinopharm, Sputnik) must currently complete a new course of vaccination in order to have received full primary immunisation in the EU. This requires a complete course of vaccination with a vaccine approved by the EMA (European Medicines Agency). There should be a gap of at least ≥28 days from the previous COVID-19 vaccination before starting this course of vaccination.

Further information in different languages at:

www.saarland.de/corona-integration

