

To the secondary school pupils  
as well as their parents and legal guardians

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## **Covid-19 vaccination of adolescents aged 12 and over at the secondary schools of Basel-Landschaft**

Dear parents and legal guardians,  
Dear pupils,

At the end of June, we informed you that the Corona vaccine is also available for children and adolescents aged 12 and over. The Federal Office of Public Health and the Federal Commission for Vaccination have now extended their recommendations. Since several million children and adolescents worldwide have now been vaccinated, the benefits and risks of vaccination for this age group can be reassessed. After careful study of these new scientific observations and data, it was judged that, based on current knowledge, the benefits of vaccination outweigh the risk of very rare vaccine side-effects, and vaccination is now recommended for **all** children and adolescents aged 12 and over.

In the weeks following the autumn holidays, vaccination will not only be offered at the vaccination centre, but also **on site** at the secondary schools of Basel-Landschaft. This offer is open to all pupils who have not yet been vaccinated and possess a consent form signed by their parents.

The exact time of vaccination at your child's school will be notified to you directly by the School.

Provided that you as a parent or legal guardian and your child agree and there are no serious health restrictions, the Covid-19 vaccinations can be administered at school by the mobile vaccination teams of the vaccination centre. The vaccine used is Comirnaty produced by Pfizer/BionTech.

Adolescents are required to bring the following documents to school for vaccination:

- consent form signed for persons aged under 16
- health form
- health insurance card
- identity card/passport/residence permit for foreign nationals
- vaccination booklet for registration of the Covid-19 vaccination if required

Pupils are excused from school for the time required for vaccination.

The Office of Public Health of Basel-Landschaft recommends that **all** children and adolescents aged 12 and over who are not vaccinated should do so now. Vaccinations protect against severe illness from the Corona virus and reduces the risk of its transmission. However, it is important to note that the use of this offer is **voluntary** and that the decision to get vaccinated is up to each individual.

The **pros and cons of vaccination** should therefore be **weighed carefully**. We advise young people and parents to seek advice from their paediatrician if they have doubts about whether they respectively their child should get vaccinated.

For more information on Covid-19 vaccination, please refer to the following links:

- Canton of Basel-Landschaft: [Corona vaccination](#)
- Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH): [Information material for young people](#)
- Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH): [FAQ about Corona vaccination for children and adolescents](#)
- Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH): [Corona vaccination](#)
- Swissmedic: [Explanatory videos](#)

By means of videos, the Federal Office of Public Health also clarifies myths and rumours circulating about vaccination and its consequences:

- [Changes to the genes](#)
- [Vaccine development](#)
- [Side-effects](#)
- [Infertility](#)
- [Risk of allergy](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Corona hotline directly at 061 552 25 25 or at [impfen@bl.ch](mailto:impfen@bl.ch).

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