

To the legal guardians

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SARS-Cov-2 vaccinations / Start of 2021/2022 school year

Dear parents/guardians,

A new school year lies ahead of us. Together, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania succeeded in pushing the Corona infection figures to a low level and experiencing a largely “normal” summer. But unfortunately, the Corona pandemic has not yet been completely defeated. The highly contagious delta variant of the virus has also arrived in our state. However, even if the infection figures should rise again in the coming weeks, it is our goal to maintain face-to-face teaching in the schools. We need your help for this.

The state government is working intensively on the further development of the existing hygiene and protection concepts in order to permanently secure school lessons with presence in the classroom.

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Vaccinations against the Corona virus are the key to being well protected going into autumn. Therefore, after the summer holidays, we will make an offer of vaccination to all pupils aged 16 and over. Acceptance of this offer is voluntary. The class teacher responsible for your daughter or son will contact you about this in the first week of school after the holidays. Vaccinations are only given if the parents have given their consent. If you would like your daughter or son to be vaccinated with Comirnaty, please inform the class teacher immediately on the form provided. This way, the mobile vaccination teams who will come to the schools can assess the need in advance and plan better. It is important that neither the child's name nor your own signature is on the front sheet due to data protection. Perhaps the enclosed information flyer will help you in your decision-making.

As you are probably aware, there is not yet an approved vaccine for children under 12 years of age. Nor does the Standing Committee on Vaccination (STIKO) at the Robert Koch Institute recommend regular vaccination with Comirnaty® for children and adolescents between 12 and 17 years of age. So far, vaccination is only explicitly recommended in this age group for people who are particularly at risk of a severe or fatal course of the disease due to a previous illness or other individual reasons (e.g. family risk). However, vaccination is also possible from the age of 12 if a medical consultation has taken place beforehand.

Against this background, it is all the more important for a "safe school" that parents, guardians, previously ill or adult pupils get vaccinated. This will protect those who cannot be vaccinated. Only in this way can children be safely prevented from becoming infected via adults and carrying the infection into the schools from outside.

Therefore, my urgent request:

Protect yourself, protect your loved ones and help keep schools and day-care centres open in attendance!

Please get vaccinated against the Corona virus!

For this, you can take up a vaccination offer at one of the vaccination centres or directly with your family doctor or specialist. There is enough vaccine available so that appointments can be made at short notice and without long waiting times via the Online Tool or via the Corona Hotline for appointments at the vaccination centres at almost all locations. Vaccination prioritisation no longer exists since 7 June 2021.

Detailed explanations, as well as further necessary information and form sheets, will be handed to you before your vaccination by the relevant body. However, basic information on vaccination against SARS-CoV-2 can already be found on the website of the State Office for Health and Social Affairs at www.lagus.mv-regierung.de.

Appointment registrations for vaccination appointments at the vaccination centres can be made by calling the telephone number: 0385 202 711 15. Online appointments are possible at <https://www.corona-impftermin-mv.de/>.

I wish you and your families all the best, especially good health, and thank you very much for your patience and support in coping with the Corona pandemic.

Kind regards,



Bettina Martin

Attachment:

Information flyer of the RKI