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To parents, guardians
and legal guardians

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Vaccinations against SARS-Cov-2 for children and adolescents from 12 years of age

Dear parents,
dear guardians,

in the coming days and weeks, our federal state will once again be facing a challenging show of strength as the ongoing corona pandemic continues to confront us. We will only be able to shoulder this burden together.

Despite the difficulties that come with Corona, the first half of the school year passed without major restrictions. Your children continue to have daily face-to-face lessons, accompanied by the well-known protective measures. It is the overriding goal of the state government to avoid nationwide school closures, even with increasing infection numbers, to ensure equal opportunities, good educations and the ability of parents to strike a proper balance between work, family and private life.

As the state government, we are strongly committed to increasing the vaccination rate, including for children and adolescents from the age of 12, as well to massively expanding the booster vaccination campaign. Only those who are vaccinated are well protected from severe disease that will lead to being hospitalised. Most of our teachers are vaccinated. This gives more security not only to the adults at the schools, but to the students as well.

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For this reason, we would like to encourage you:

Get informed advice and protect yourself and your children.

Please talk to your **general practitioner, pediatrician or adolescent doctor** about the vaccination options for your children. Children from the age of 12 can also be vaccinated at the vaccination centres of the districts and independent towns. Vaccination appointments can be arranged online or by phone: www.corona-impftermin-mv.de or at **0385-202 71115** (Monday to Friday from 8 am to 4 pm).

In addition, it is again intended that **mobile vaccination teams** also offer vaccinations to the local health authorities at or near schools, possibly also in cooperation with community centres, and preferably in the afternoons. For this to be arranged there must be sufficient public interest in being vaccinated. This letter today therefore serves as a first inquiry into that interest.

For your information: The Standing Vaccination Commission (STIKO) has issued a general COVID-19 vaccination recommendation for 12- to 17-year-olds. Vaccination is carried out after medical education on the benefits and risks (compare here STIKO's memo on the update of the COVID-19 vaccination recommendation for children and adolescents from 16.08.2021). Vaccination is voluntary. The vaccine is administered with the mRNA vaccine Comirnaty from BioNTech, which is approved for children from the age of 12.

In addition, in view of the current dynamic infections linked to the spread of the Omicron variant, STIKO recommended on 13.01.22 a booster vaccination for 12- to 17-year-olds with the mRNA vaccine Comirnaty (BioNTech). The third vaccine dose should be administered at least three months after the previous corona vaccination. The offer to vaccinate your child addressed to you today thus includes the possibility of primary vaccination as well as booster vaccination. Please also consider this option.

For the state government, the vaccination status of children and adolescents is unquestionably not and will not at any time become a prerequisite for social or school participation. Access to education, culture and other activities of social life, especially for this age group, will not depend in future on having been vaccinated either.

Children between the ages of 12 and 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during the vaccination.

Children from 14 and 15 years of age should be accompanied to their vaccination appointment by a parent. If they cannot be accompanied by you, the 14- and 15-year-olds must bring to their vaccination appointment the declaration of consent signed by you.

For young people over the age of 16, parental supervision is not required. If they cannot be accompanied by you, however, the 16- and 17-year-olds should also bring to their vaccination appointment the declaration of consent that you have signed.

To be able to best organise the deployment of the mobile vaccination teams, I ask you, if you are **interested in having your child vaccinated** by a travelling vaccination team, to indicate this by filling in the **enclosed form** by 21.01.2022. This message inquiring into the demand for vaccinations is used to direct the mobile teams and is not a binding registration. Of course, you as a parent can also be vaccinated at the same time as your child / children.

If you have any further questions, I recommend the family guide <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/service/publikationen/details/corona-schutzimpfung-fuer-kinder-und-jugendliche-eine-entscheidungshilfe-fuer-eltern-und-sorgeberechtigte.html>

Let's master this challenge together! Protect yourself, protect your children and please help give all children and young people the opportunity to visit their daycare centers and schools on a regular basis.

We thank you for your support.

Kind regards,



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