

# Why is not being vaccinated not an option?



## **Prevent an overloaded health system**

The fewer the number of people falling ill with the virus and requiring intensive care, the sooner hospitals, health authorities and other healthcare institutions can resume normal operation.



## **Benefits when travelling**

Vaccinations are not mandatory for holiday-makers. **HOWEVER:** vaccinated people enjoy greater freedom than non-vaccinated people when travelling. Those without proof of vaccination must be prepared for more stringent travel measures than travellers who are fully vaccinated.



### **Protection against serious disease progression and long-term effects**

Nowadays, anyone infected with the coronavirus has to predominantly rely on their immune system to fight the disease. That is because there is no effective treatment available to date. According to data from the Robert Koch Institute, over 90 per cent of patients currently hospitalised with the disease are not vaccinated. The vaccination mitigates the severity of the illness in the vast majority of cases.



### **Protect yourself and others**

There are also people who cannot be vaccinated – no approved vaccine is available for babies and small children, and there are others who are exempted from the vaccination due to medical reasons. These people depend on their environment being vaccinated.



### **Prevent the spread of the coronavirus**

Scientific data currently show that vaccinated people are significantly less likely to become infected. Should you, however, become infected, the probability of you passing on the virus to others is lower.



### **A coronavirus infection is more dangerous than a corona vaccination**

The long-term effects of the disease are a reality, with many recovered patients still suffering from long COVID. With the approved vaccines, it is highly unlikely that the effects of a vaccination prove to be worse than a coronavirus infection – even in young, healthy people.