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To Universität Hamburg employees
who have signed up for a COVID vaccination from
the UKE

—via email—

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Vaccination appointments

Dear Colleagues,

We have received unfortunate news: the Ministry of Social Affairs has not supplied the UKE with mRNA vaccines (for example, from BionTech) for our employees. The situation has not changed despite multiple efforts on our part to intervene. Nor did the efforts by the board of the UKE to secure mRNA vaccines from pharmacies prove successful.

For our University community and for each and every one of us, this is a painful setback in our effort to protect ourselves and others by getting vaccinated.

The UKE, however, has been offered the opportunity provide AstraZeneca shots regardless of the recipient's age. Together with the UKE, we have decided to offer this option to those of you who have already signed up to be vaccinated at the UKE.

Currently, the STIKO (the standing vaccination commission of the Robert Koch Institute) recommends vaccinating people older than 60 with the vaccine produced by AstraZeneca. However, the STIKO also says: "The use of the COVID-10 vaccine AstraZeneca for a first or second vaccination shot for people below this age limit remains possible after consultation with a doctor and in cases in which the patient accepts individual risk." According to the UKE, its use is also medically justifiable. Nonetheless, this remains something for you to consider and decide yourself.

Due to this situation, the UKE is required to cancel all confirmed vaccination appointments. Thus, you will receive another letter with information about the AstraZeneca vaccination very shortly. Should you decide to proceed with AstraZeneca, this letter will also contain information about how to book a new appointment. Should you decide not to proceed with AstraZeneca, then no further action is required after you receive this second letter.

For technical reasons, vaccination appointments will begin a few days later than planned. Although the appointments will not take place on the same days you initially booked, they will take place within the same period.

Furthermore, the vaccination FAQs at uhh.de/faq-impfung will continue to be updated and supplemented. There you can also find the status of vaccination options and the mail address for questions.

Allow me to assure you, my dear colleagues, that this state of affairs has shocked the University Leadership. The only thing that remains for us to do is to thank you for your understanding and patience, the UKE for its extraordinary commitment to implementing this entire vaccination project, and everyone else who has worked towards realizing this vaccination plan.

Despite everything, let us continue in these trying time to show the solidarity we have so far demonstrated so admirably.

Faithfully,



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