Vaccination appointments at UKE—procedural instructions

Dear Colleagues,

This letter provides you with information on the possibility of booking an AstraZeneca vaccination appointment within the Universität Hamburg-UKE vaccination campaign.

As the University leadership has explained, no mRNA vaccines have been made available, contrary to previous plans. Since your appointment was based on the assumption that you would be vaccinated with an mRNA vaccine, all previous appointments were canceled on 22 June 2021. This also applies to appointments for vaccination with the vector vaccine AstraZeneca in the UKE vaccination campaign. You will receive a cancellation email to the address provided during registration.

However, your booking code remains valid. Use your booking code to make an appointment if you would like to be vaccinated with the AstraZeneca vector vaccine. Find the corresponding information sheet for the AstraZeneca vaccine at https://www.uke.de/impf-aufklaerung/. Prior to being vaccinated, a UKE physician will advise and inform you about the procedure.

You can make a new appointment from 23 June to 27 June 2021. There are a sufficient number of appointments available; there will be no prioritization of individuals or allocation on a first-come-first-served basis.

For new appointments, the following vaccination dates are available:
- First vaccination: 28 June 2021
- Second vaccination: 30 August 2021
- First vaccination: 30 June 2021
- Second vaccination: 1 September 2021
- First vaccination: 5 July 2021
- Second vaccination: 6 September 2021
Currently, the AstraZeneca vector vaccine is planned to be used for both the first and second shots.

With this schedule, the UKE is following the latest recommendations of the standing vaccination commission of the Robert Koch Institute (STIKO), which is to give the second shot of vector vaccine 9 to 12 weeks later. This reduced time frame results in the earliest possible protective effect of the vaccine.

If you do not wish to be vaccinated with the AstraZeneca vaccine at the UKE, you do not need to do anything further. Even if you have already informed us that you no longer wish to participate in the University’s vaccination campaign, you do not need to do anything further. Your booking code will expire once the appointment deadline has passed (see above).

Find all questions and answers about the new booking procedure in our FAQ under Comprehensive Information about the University’s Vaccination Campaign.

Sincerely,

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