German National Covid-19 Vaccination Strategy

Overview

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## Covid-19 Pandemic Vaccination – Implementation in 2 Phases

### Phase I A
- **Target group:** Based on STIKO recommendation
- **Organisation:** Vaccination centres with mobile teams
  - Locations and number determined by the Länder (federal states) (subject to availability)
- **Procurement:** Central: Federal Government and EU (joint procurement)
- **Storage and distribution:** Federal Government delivers vaccines to max. 60 locations in all German states; distribution proportionate to state population, other storage and logistics at local level by the Länder
- **Financing:** Vaccine by Federal Government, equipment/supplies by the Länder, Vaccination centres jointly by the statutory health insurance funds and the Länder
- **Safety and Efficacy Evaluation:** Reporting by doctor (individual-based)
  - Supported by surveys and studies (population-based) and online documentation (PEI app)

### Phase I B
- **Target group:** For example vulnerable groups (STIKO-recommendation and consultation with Ethics Council and Leopoldina pending)
- **Organisation:** Vaccination centres with mobile teams
  - For example vulnerable groups (STIKO-recommendation and consultation with Ethics Council and Leopoldina pending)
- **Procurement:** Central: Federal Government and EU (joint procurement)
- **Storage and distribution:** Federal Government delivers vaccines to max. 60 locations in all German states; distribution proportionate to state population, other storage and logistics at local level by the Länder
- **Financing:** Vaccine by Federal Government, equipment/supplies by the Länder, Vaccination centres jointly by the statutory health insurance funds and the Länder
- **Safety and Efficacy Evaluation:** Reporting by doctor (individual-based)
  - Supported by surveys and studies (population-based) and online documentation (PEI app)

### Phase II
- **Target group:** For example members of the adult population (subject to STIKO recommendation, pending)
- **Organisation:** Medical institutions, general practitioners, company doctors
  - Decentral: Doctors, wholesalers, pharmacies
  - Wholesalers, pharmacies
  - Health insurance funds (statutory and private), Civil service subsidy funds (Beihilfeträger)
  - Health insurance fund data (3-6 month delay) Supported by surveys
- **Procurement:** Central: Federal Government and EU (joint procurement)
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- **Financing:** Vaccine by Federal Government, equipment/supplies by the Länder, Vaccination centres jointly by the statutory health insurance funds and the Länder
- **Safety and Efficacy Evaluation:** Reporting by doctor (individual-based)
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### Requirements
- Vaccine availability
- Supply
- Management
- Experience
- Vaccination centres with mobile teams
  - Locations and number determined by the Länder (federal states) (subject to availability)

### Vaccine availability
- Limited quantity of vaccine available
- Some complex storage conditions (e.g. cooling ≤ -60°C)
- Multi-dose vials
- Highly targeted, highly prioritised vaccination
- Different vaccine types available
- Limited experience with the vaccine

### Greater quantities of vaccine available
- Some complex storage conditions (e.g. cooling ≤ -60°C)
- Multi-dose vials
- Prioritised vaccination
- Different vaccine types available
- Limited experience with the vaccine

### Vaccine widely available
- Less challenging storage and logistics (e.g. cooling 2°C)
- Single dose vials
- Broad-based vaccination according to vaccination recommendation
- Different vaccine types available

### Targeted, centralised vaccination
- For example, vulnerable groups (STIKO-recommendation and consultation with Ethics Council and Leopoldina pending)

### Expanded, centralised vaccination
- For example vulnerable groups (STIKO-recommendation and consultation with Ethics Council and Leopoldina pending)

### Widespread, decentralised routine vaccination
- For example, members of the adult population (subject to STIKO recommendation, pending)

### Notes
- STIKO = Standing Committee on Vaccination at the Robert Koch Institute
- Länder = Federal states

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