German National Covid-19 Vaccination Strategy

Overview

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# Covid-19 Pandemic Vaccination – Implementation in 2 Phases

## Phase I A
**Targeted, centralised vaccination**

- 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
- Very limited experience with the vaccine

*For example, vulnerable groups (STIKO-recommendation and consultation with Ethics Council and Leopoldina pending)*

## Phase I B
**Expanded, centralised vaccination**

- 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

*For example vulnerable groups (STIKO-recommendation and consultation with Ethics Council and Leopoldina pending)*

## Phase II
**Widespread, decentralised routine vaccination**

- 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

*For example, members of the adult population (subject to STIKO recommendation, pending)*

## 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)
- **Decentral**: Doctors, wholesalers, pharmacies

## 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
- **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

## Vaccination rate monitoring

- **Online transmission** (near-real time, not yet implemented) Supported by surveys

## Safety and Efficacy Evaluation

- **Reporting by doctor** (individual-based)
  - Supported by surveys and studies (population-based) and online documentation (PEI app)

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| STIKO = Standing Committee on Vaccination at the Robert Koch Institute |
| Länder = Federal states |

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