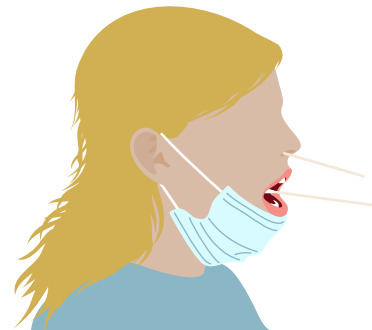


# Protect yourself and others from the coronavirus



The virus is transmitted from human to human – especially indoors. This is why rules in Berlin say that you need to cover your mouth and nose with a mask in most public buildings, public transport, shops, during events etc. The masks have to be “FFP2” masks (also known as N95).

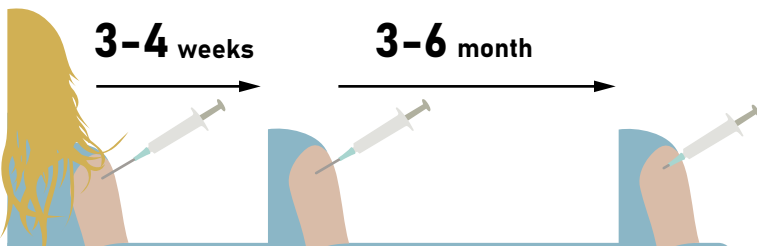
You can buy these in pharmacies and they are available for free in the shelters.



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Signs of a coronavirus infection include coughing, a sore throat, running nose, sneezing, fever, fatigue, headache etc. If you have symptoms or were close to an infected person, get a free test!

They are available in many places.  
[www.direkttesten.berlin](http://www.direkttesten.berlin)



The vaccines against the coronavirus prevent you from getting severely sick and from dying of COVID. Vaccines are available for children older than 5 years and upwards as well as adults. The vaccination is free and available without appointment in several vaccination centers ([www.berlin.de/corona/impfen](http://www.berlin.de/corona/impfen)). For basic immunization, two vaccinations are given 3-4 weeks apart. A third vaccination (booster) is recommended for adults 3-6 months later.



Berlin has several regulations to reduce the spread of the virus. One of them is “3G”. That means that you need to be vaccinated, reconvalescent or tested to go somewhere or do something. Examples are public transport, hotels, libraries, indoor sports etc. For large indoor events and some services such as hair dressers, the rule is „2G+“ (2G plus). That requires vaccination and either a negative test, third vaccination, or recently coalescent. In some cases you still need to wear a mask.