

Your child can now be vaccinated against COVID-19



Dear parent,

Read the letter in [English](#), [Turkish](#), [Arabic](#), [Somali](#), [Urdu](#) and other languages at www.sst.dk/vaccinationsbrev

Find instructions and telephone numbers for the hotlines for information about vaccination against COVID-19 in other languages than Danish at www.coronadanmark.dk

Your child is now being offered vaccination against COVID-19

The Danish Health Authority recommends that children aged 12 and older are vaccinated against COVID-19.

Children and young people under the age of 18 are being offered vaccination using the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. This vaccine is approved for children aged 12 and older. It is a safe and effective vaccine.

Vaccination is free of charge, and it is entirely voluntary whether you accept the offer of vaccination for your child.

You can read more about the vaccination of children in the Danish Health Authority's pamphlet [here](#).

Once more people are vaccinated, we will be better positioned to withstand new, more infectious variants of COVID-19. Once your child has been vaccinated against COVID-19, we will gain better control of the epidemic in Denmark and be better able to prevent the spread of infection.

Vaccinated children are part of the process of stopping chains of infection. In doing so, they help to safeguard elderly and vulnerable members of our society who have not received vaccinations or in whom vaccination has less effect.

Increased immunity among the population means that both you and your child are able to return to a normal, everyday life without any great need for testing or contact tracing.

Vaccination protects children from becoming ill from COVID-19. However, children rarely get severely ill.

How vaccination takes place

Vaccinations are generally given at a vaccination centre. Children must be accompanied to their vaccination by a parent (holder of parental rights). It is the parent who can consent to vaccination of the child after having received oral information at the vaccination centre.

How do I book an appointment for my child?

You book your child's vaccination appointment by logging on to www.vacciner.dk using your NemID. Here you can see available time slots and where your child can be vaccinated in Denmark.

Your child must be vaccinated twice to achieve the full vaccination effect. When you book an appointment, you must therefore book an appointment for both your first vaccination and the second vaccination.

If you cannot find an available time slot at www.vacciner.dk, we recommend that you try again later as new appointments are being added on an ongoing basis.

If you need help booking a vaccination appointment

If you need help booking or changing your appointment, your Region can help you.

Capital Region of Denmark

Tel. 38 66 00 00

Weekdays 08:00-17:00 Weekend 08:00-16:00

Region Zealand

Tel. 70 20 42 33

Weekdays and weekend 09:00-12:00 and 13:00-19:30

Region of Southern Denmark

Tel. 99 44 07 17, press 1

Weekdays and weekend 08:00-18:00

Central Denmark Region

Tel. 70 23 24 15

Weekdays 08:00-19:00 Weekend 09:00-17:00

North Denmark Region

Tel. 97 64 84 63

Weekdays 08:00-17:00 Weekend 08:00-15:30

Do you want to know more about the vaccination of children against COVID-19?

At our website, we have gathered information for parents about the offer of vaccination to children: www.sst.dk/da/Covid-vaccination-12-15aar



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Information about processing of personal data

Here you will find information about how Statens Serum Institut processes personal data about your child in connection with the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

Read here how your child's data are processed.

1. We are the data controller – how do you contact us?

Statens Serum Institut (SSI) is the data controller of the processing of the personal data that we process about your child. You can find our contact details below.

Statens Serum Institut Artillerivej 5 DK-2300 København S
CVR no.: 46837428
Tel.: 32 68 32 68
Email: serum@ssi.dk

You are always welcome to contact our DPA function at compliance@ssi.dk or on tel. 4046 0083 if you have any other questions about how SSI processes your child's personal data. Please contact SSI via e-Boks if you have any questions regarding your/your child's rights. You can find information (in Danish) about how to use e-Boks at the webpage *Sikker kommunikation med SSI* (Secure communication with SSI).

www.ssi.dk/om-ssi/kontakt/sikker-kommunikation-m-ssi.

2. Purpose of processing of personal data

We process your personal data for the purposes of offering vaccination and setting up vaccination processes for selected target groups and for monitoring public acceptance and the effect of vaccination and examining any causality between vaccination and unexpected reactions or side effects of vaccination. This is part of SSI's tasks as a public authority and of our efforts to prevent and monitor the spread of coronavirus/COVID-19.

Part of the processing is performed for research and statistical purposes only.

3. Storage of your personal data

We store your child's personal data from the time they are collected in order to be able to offer your child vaccination/set up a vaccination process and to monitor the vaccines at a general level. Your child's personal data will be stored until it is no longer relevant for SSI to offer and monitor the vaccines. It is not possible to provide a specific time for this. SSI will continuously consider the necessity of the processing and will erase or anonymise the personal data when the processing is no longer regarded as necessary.

If you accept the vaccination offered to your child, their vaccination data will be erased two years after the death of your child according to the rules on storage of data in Executive Order no. 1615 of 18 December 2018 on access to and registration etc. of medicinal product and vaccination data. You can read more (in Danish) about the storage and processing of your child's personal data in the Danish Vaccination Register here: www.ssi.dk/om-ssi/persondatapolitik, under the tab *Er du blevet vaccineret?* (Have you been vaccinated?)

4. Categories of personal data and lawfulness of processing of personal data

We process the following categories of personal data about your child in the Danish Vaccination Register:

Ordinary, non-sensitive personal data:

- Name
- Address
- National health insurance group
- Own doctor's healthcare provider number
- Regional code

Ordinary, confidential personal data:

- Civil registration (CPR) numbers

Sensitive personal data:

- Health data confirming that your child has been vaccinated.

SSI will also process data about, for example, underlying diseases which are necessary for SSI to identify whether your child is among the target groups that are to be offered vaccination. SSI also uses the data to be able to perform its tasks of monitoring public acceptance and the effect of vaccination and examining any causality between vaccination and unexpected reactions or side effects of vaccination.

SSI may process these personal data when necessary to be able to offer COVID-19 vaccination, see Executive Order no. 146 of 1 February 2021 on processing of personal data in connection with offer of vaccination against COVID-19.

SSI is responsible for monitoring and combating the spread of diseases in collaboration with the rest of the public health service, and for monitoring and assessing public acceptance and the effect of vaccination and examining any causality between vaccination and unexpected reactions or side effects of vaccination, see section 222 of the Danish Health Act¹ (*Sundhedsloven*) and, for further details, section 157a(6) of the Danish Health Act. SSI is also responsible for recording data on individual citizens' vaccinations and related data in the Danish Vaccination Register, see section 157 a of the Danish Health Act.

We thus process your child's personal data in accordance with Article 6(1)(e) of the General Data Protection Regulation², as the processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in SSI, and Article 9(2)(h) and (i) of the General Data Protection Regulation, as the processing is necessary for the purpose of management of health or social care systems and services and for reasons of public interest in the area of public health.

We process your child's civil registration (CPR) number in accordance with section 11(1) of the Danish Data Protection Act (*Databeskyttelsesloven*)³, as the processing is necessary to enable us to clearly identify your child.

1 Consolidation Act no. 2019-08-26 of 26 August 1 to consolidate the Danish Health Act, as amended
2 Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 1995/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) (Text with EEA relevance)

3 Danish Act no. 502 of May 23 on supplementary provisions to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data.

5. Sources of personal data

We have received information about your child's CPR number from the CPR Register and information about your child's name, address, national health insurance category, your child's doctor's healthcare provider number and the regional code from the Danish Health Data Authority (*Sundhedsdatastyrelsen*). We also receive further data about your child, for example age and gender, from public registers, including the CPR Register.

Where relevant, we also receive other data about you/your child, for example about chronic conditions and disorders as well as employment situation, from public registers, including the National Patient Register (Landspatientregistret), the Register of Selected Chronic Diseases and Severe Mental Disorders (RUKS), the Danish Agency for Labour Market and Recruitment (STAR), the DREAM Register etc.

In connection with the monitoring of public acceptance and effect as well as the performance of studies related to the safety of the vaccines, SSI also looks at any COVID-19 test results.

6. Recipients or categories of recipients

SSI discloses your child's personal data to the Region in which you live for two reasons: 1) to enable your child to receive the vaccination, and 2) for the vaccination to be recorded in your child's patient records and in the Danish Vaccination Register.

Your/your child's Region or your child's general practitioner is responsible for recording and reporting of vaccinations in the Danish Vaccination Register. Please contact your child's general practitioner or Region, if you want to find out more about how they process personal data. You can find the contact details of your/your child's Region here:

North Denmark Region www.rn.dk
Central Denmark Region www.rm.dk
Region of Southern Denmark www.regionsyddanmark.dk
Region Zealand www.regionsjaelland.dk
Capital Region of Denmark www.regionh.dk

SSI also discloses your child's personal data to the Danish Medicines Agency (*Lægemiddelstyrelsen*); this is necessary to enable the Danish Medicines Agency to perform its task of monitoring the safety of the vaccines, including side effects. You can contact the Danish Medicines Agency at www.lmst.dk if you want to know more about the Agency's processing of your child's personal data.

SSI discloses personal data to our data processors, including the Danish Health Data Authority. We have entered into data processing agreements with our data processors and supervise the data processors' compliance with the data processing agreements in accordance with the applicable rules.

7. Transfer to recipients in third countries, including international organisations

We will not transfer your child's personal data to recipients outside the EU and EEA.

8. Your child's rights

Under the General Data Protection Regulation, you and your child have a number of rights in relation to our processing of your child's personal data. If you want to exercise your child's rights, please contact us.

If personal data are processed solely for scientific and statistical purposes, there are a number of restrictions on the rights of data subjects under the General Data Protection Regulation. This means that you do not have a right of access, right to rectification, right to restriction of processing, right to object and right to erasure of personal data about your child that form part of such processing. The restriction of your/your child's rights follows from section 22(5) of the Danish Data Protection Act and Article 17(3)(d) of the General Data Protection Regulation.

In other cases, you have the following rights, which may, however, also be subject to certain restrictions:

Right to see data (right of access)

You have a right of access to the data we process about your child as well as a number of other data.

Right to rectification (correction)

You have the right to have inaccurate data about your child rectified.

Right to erasure

In special cases, you have the right to have data about your child erased before the time at which we are generally obliged to erase data.

Right to restriction of processing

In certain cases, you have the right to have the processing of your child's personal data restricted. If you have the right to have the processing restricted, we may, in future, only process the data – other than storage – with your consent or for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims or for the protection of the rights of another natural or legal person or for reasons of important public interest.

Right to object

In certain cases, you have the right to object to our otherwise lawful processing of your child's personal data.

You can read more about your/your child's rights in the Danish Data Protection Agency's guide to the rights of data subjects, which you will find at www.datatilsynet.dk.

Please contact SSI via e-Boks if you have any questions regarding your child's rights. You can find information (in Danish) about how to use e-Boks at the webpage *Sikker kommunikation med SSI* (Secure communication with SSI)

www.ssi.dk/om-ssi/kontakt/sikker-kommunikation-m-ssi.

9. Data Protection Officer's contact details

If you have any questions about our processing of your child's data, you are always welcome to contact Helle Ginnerup-Nielsen, the joint Data Protection Officer at the Danish Ministry of Health.

You can contact our Data Protection Officer in the following ways:

By email: databeskyttelse@sum.dk

By letter: Holbergsgade 6, DK-1057 København K, attn. 'Data Protection Officer (databeskyttelsesrådgiver)

10. Lodging a complaint with the Danish Data Protection Agency

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the Danish Data Protection Agency (*Datatilsynet*) if you are dissatisfied with the way we process your child's personal data. You can find the Danish Data Protection Agency's contact details at www.datatilsynet.dk.