



# The Measles Protection Act



## Measles

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Measles is caused by viruses and occurs all over the world. It is highly infectious. An infection may have serious consequences. Measles leads to a long-term weakening of the immune system, which facilitates bacterial infections such as otitis media (infection of the middle ear) and pneumonia. Following the onset of the disease, 1 in every 1,000 individuals experiences encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), which may result in permanent damage, for example in the form of paralysis or mental disability, and in rare cases even death. Measles constitutes a particular danger to infants, as they are at a significantly higher risk of developing a rare but always fatal late-stage form of brain inflammation. Since the vaccination was introduced in Germany approximately 50 years ago, the number of illnesses and deaths caused by measles has dropped considerably. Because a vaccination coverage rate of 95% required for eliminating the disease has not yet been achieved, measles outbreaks occur time and again, particularly in unvaccinated adolescents and adults.

### **The Measles Protection Act has been in force since 1st March 2020.**

The rules apply to all **new entrants/new employees** in certain facilities as from **1st March 2020**. Children/employees who were already admitted/hired **before 1st March 2020** must resubmit a proof of protection against measles. Please refer to the websites mentioned below for the applicable deadline. The management of the respective facility is responsible for verifying this proof.

#### **Further information**

[www.masernschutz.de](http://www.masernschutz.de)

[www.schutz-impfung-jetzt.de](http://www.schutz-impfung-jetzt.de)

[www.nali-impfen.de](http://www.nali-impfen.de)



## Measles Protection Act

The federal Measles Protection Act has been in force since 1st March 2020. It provides for a range of measures for promoting prophylactic immunisation. The focus of these measures is on protection against measles in community facilities and shared accommodation as well as in medical facilities. All children must be able to demonstrate that they have received the recommended measles vaccination (or demonstrate immunity or contraindication documented by a doctor) in order to enter certain facilities such as daycare centres or schools. The same applies to persons born after 1970 who work in these facilities or in med. facilities (see tables).

### For parents

Information for parents and legal guardians regarding the **admission of new minors to community facilities** (simplified overview):

Proof of sufficient vaccinations, Article 20 para. 9 clause 1 no. 1 IfSG			
Facility (admission after 01.03.20)	Age groups of children cared for	Extent of duty of proof	Consequence if such proof is not presented
<b>Without</b> compulsory schooling:  Crèche, nursery school, Art. 33 No. 1 Alt. 1 IfSG  Child daycare centre, Art. 33 No. 2 IfSG  After-school care, Art. 33 No. 1 Alt. 2 IfSG	< 12 months	Proof may not be possible because of child's age (STIKO recommendation for 1st measles vaccination for infants cared for in daycare centres from 9 months of age)	Admission to facility, but the health department will be notified and may take further action.  Parents will be sent a letter informing them of further steps.
	> 12 months < 24 months	Proof of <b>one</b> vaccination required*	Admission to the facility is not possible
	> 24 months	Proof of <b>two</b> vaccinations required*	Admission to the facility is not possible
<b>With</b> compulsory schooling:  Schools and other educational institutions attended mainly by minors		Proof of <b>two</b> vaccinations required*	Admission to the school, but the health department will be notified and will assume responsibility for further steps

\* or doctor's certificate attesting to immunity or a medical contraindication

## For personnel (born after 1970)

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Information for adults who were born **after 1970** and are **newly employed in community facilities, medical facilities or shared accommodation** (simplified overview):

Institution of new employment	Duty of proof	Consequences
<b>Community facilities:</b> e.g. crèches, daycare facilities, nursery schools, after-school care, schools, vocational training schools (BOS = vocational high school, FOS = technical high school, etc.)	Proof of <b>two</b> measles vaccinations, Article 20 para. 9 clause 1 no. 1 IfSG*	If no proof is supplied, no employment is possible in the relevant institutions
<b>Medical facility:</b> e.g. hospital, medical practice, physiotherapy, birthing centre, etc.		
<b>Shared accommodation:</b> Refugee accommodation		

\* or doctor's certificate attesting to immunity or a medical contraindication

These regulations also apply to regular and non-temporary volunteers, trainees and service personnel (e.g. cleaning and kitchen staff).

More brochures: [www.bestellen.bayern.de](http://www.bestellen.bayern.de)



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