

COVID 19 Vaccination info for international students and staff 26th August 2021

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When arriving to Finland, your status concerning COVID 19 vaccination may have been checked. If you have received two doses of vaccine series accepted in Finland (except Johnson & Johnson where 1 dose is enough), your vaccination protection is already good. You may check the accepted vaccine series in Finland from the link below:

[THL recommendation on vaccine series accepted in Finland](#)

To ensure good protection for covid 19, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare THL recommends the following: If you have arrived without vaccination or you have received only one dose of a vaccine that requires a second dose, and the same vaccine is in use in Finland, please get the first or second dose at the local Health District.

Both Lahti and Lappeenranta regions currently give first doses for everyone over 12 years and second doses after 8 weeks from the first dose. Check the instructions of vaccination locations at the end of this message.

Special information concerning different vaccination types

The following information is based on the recommendation of Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare THL (25th August 2021):

If you have received one dose of a vaccine that is not in use in Finland, or you do not know the name of the vaccine, you will be offered a second vaccine that is currently in use for persons of your age group.

If you have received two doses of Sputnik vaccine, your protection is good. However, take into account that Sputnik is not included as an accepted vaccination for entering Finland from abroad by THL.

If you have received 2 doses of inactivated vaccines, e.g. Sinovac/ COVID-19 Vaccine (Vero Cell) Inactivated / Sinopharm Vero Cell/ Coronavac, you may get one extra dose of vaccination currently used in Finland for your age group after 12 weeks of your second dose.

If you have received 2 doses of another vaccination not in use in the EU area, your situation is checked case-by-case. If necessary, you may seek advice from National Covid 19 Vaccination Support (koronarokotus@thl.fi).

NOTE: Covishield vaccine manufactured in India (Serum Institute of India) is identical to AstraZeneca Vaxzevria. Any doses of Covishield are fully comparable to the Vaxzevria doses given in Finland.

If your vaccination protection is good according to the facts above, THL does not recommend any extra vaccine doses, as we do not have knowledge of the benefits or potential risks of such extra doses yet. THL recommends that in problematic cases you seek local medical consultation on the need for vaccination.

How to get vaccinated in Finland

IMPORTANT: Before you go into a walk-in vaccination site, you need to visit the local Eksote or Päijät-Sote health care unit to get yourself a temporary identification number. Take your passport with you for verifying your identity.

You also need to show the electronic or paper document of your first vaccination so that the vaccination date and the name & manufacturer of the vaccine may be checked.

Vaccinations in Lappeenranta region (Eksote)

<https://www.eksote.fi/Koronavirus/inenglish/Sivut/default.aspx>

Where to get the temporary ID number:

Health care units of Eksote in Lappeenranta region are open Mondays – Thursdays at 08:00-16:00 and Fridays at 08:00-15:00 in the following addresses:

- Sammonlahti: Torpanpellonkatu 2, 53850 Lappeenranta
- City Center: Armilankatu 44, 53100 Lappeenranta

Walk in -vaccinations for first dose for anyone over 12 years or second dose after 8 weeks (no reservation needed): IsoKristiina shopping center: Mondays – Fridays at 9.30–14.30.

Vaccinations in Lahti region (Päijät-Sote):

Where to get the temporary ID number:

- City Center: Harjukatu 48, 15100 Lahti (Open Mondays – Fridays 08:00 – 20:00 and Saturdays 10:00 -16:00)

Walk-in vaccinations for first dose for anyone over 12 years or second dose after 8 weeks (no reservation needed): Trio Shopping Center; Aleksanterinkatu 18, Lahti

- Tuesdays- Fridays 15:00-19:00
- Saturdays 10:00-17:00
- Sundays 11:00-17:00

NOTE: As vaccinations in Finland proceed, there may be new instructions concerning vaccination times. This instruction is based on the situation of 26th August 2021. Health Care districts Eksote and Päijät-Sote are responsible for vaccination and inform about changes in their websites and on local press.