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Around one third of the pupils have a valid COVID-19 vaccination and/or convalescence certificate

83 % of the teachers in Austria had a valid vaccination and/or convalescent certificate by mid-September 2022

Vienna, 2022-10-14 – Less than one fifth of the approximately 1.1 million pupils in Austria had a valid COVID-19 vaccination certificate at the beginning of the school year 2022/23, and around 15 % had a valid convalescence certificate only. As an analysis by Statistics Austria on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research further shows, around 83 % of teachers had a valid vaccination and/or convalescence certificate.

“Currently, the Corona autumn wave in the education sector is encountering a relatively small proportion of pupils with valid vaccination and/or convalescence certificates: only about one third of pupils had such a certificate by mid-September 2022,” says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

The proportion of pupils with a valid COVID-19 vaccination certificate (including those with both vaccination and convalescence certificates) as of 13 September 2022 was around 20 %, around 15 % had only a vaccination certificate, 4 % had both vaccination and convalescence certificates, and another 15 % had only a valid convalescence certificate. Thus, almost 66 % did not have a valid certificate.

With increasing age, an increase in valid vaccination certificates can be observed. Pupils aged twelve and older (around 32 %) are significantly more likely to have a valid vaccination certificate (including those with vaccination and convalescent certificates) than those aged under twelve (around 6 %). The lowest proportion of pupils with a valid vaccination certificate is therefore in primary education (5 %), followed by lower secondary education (12 %) and upper secondary education (40 %).

Within the upper secondary education, pupils of the academic secondary school – upper cycle are most likely to have a valid vaccination certificate (incl. those with vaccination as well as convalescent certificate) (49 %), at higher technical and vocational colleges the share is 41 % and at other middle schools (pre-vocational school, vocational school and intermediate technical and vocational school) 33 %. The share of pupils with only a convalescent certificate is similar (academic secondary school – upper cycle: 11 %, higher technical and vocational college: 11 %, other middle schools within the upper secondary education: 12 %). Accordingly, about half of the pupils at upper secondary level do not have a valid certificate (academic secondary school – upper cycle: 40 %; higher technical and vocational college: 48 %; other middle schools within the upper secondary education: 55 %).

Highest proportion of vaccination and/or convalescent certificates at around 60 % at academic secondary school – upper cycle

In **primary education**, about 4 % of the pupils have only a valid vaccination certificate, 1 % have both a vaccination and a convalescent certificate, another 15 % have only a convalescent certificate and 80 % do not have a valid certificate.

At **lower secondary education**, the proportion of pupils with a valid vaccination and/or convalescent certificate is significantly higher at academic secondary school, lower cycle (35 %) than at compulsory secondary school (26 %). In line with this, the proportion of pupils without a valid certificate at lower secondary

level varies depending on the type of school (academic secondary school, lower cycle: 65 %; compulsory secondary school: 74 %).

Within the **upper secondary education**, pupils of academic secondary school – upper cycle are most likely to have a valid vaccination certificate (incl. those with vaccination as well as recovery certificate) (49 %), at higher technical and vocational colleges the share is 41 % and at other middle schools within the upper secondary education (pre-vocational school, vocational school and intermediate technical and vocational school) 33 %. The share of pupils with only a recovery certificate is similar (academic secondary school – upper cycle: 11 %, higher technical and vocational colleges: 11 %, other middle schools: 12 %). Accordingly, about half of the pupils at upper secondary level do not have a valid certificate (academic secondary school – upper cycle: 40 %; higher technical and vocational colleges: 48 %; other intermediate schools: 55 %).

Around 83 % of teachers had a valid vaccination and/or convalescent certificate

Around four out of five of the 122 000 teachers in Austria had a valid COVID-19 vaccination and/or convalescent certificate in mid-September.

There are clear differences in the vaccination status of teachers between the different types of schools. At 89 %, the proportion of teachers with a valid vaccination and/or convalescent certificate is highest at academic secondary schools nationwide. Among teachers at primary schools, the proportion of persons with a valid vaccination and/or convalescent certificate is the lowest at 80 %.

For detailed results and further information please refer to [website](#).

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