

**[BERLIN]**

**Expected to start on Friday**

**Senate decides on "vaccinated - recovered - tested" (3G) strategy for Berlin**

**Starting this weekend, indoor events in the capital will only be open to those who have been vaccinated, recovered and tested. The Berlin Senate is thus implementing the resolution of the Conference of Minister Presidents.**

Berlin will adopt the decisions of the Minister Presidents' Conference (MPK) of 10 August. This was announced by the Governing Mayor, Michael Müller (SPD), after the weekly Senate meeting on Tuesday. With the current situation, there is no room for relaxation, but there will be no tightening either, Müller said.

Among other things, the MPK will adopt the 3G principle: probably from 20 August, only vaccinated, recovered and tested persons will be allowed at indoor events.

According to the federal-state decision, this applies to visitors to hospitals and homes, festivals, cultural and sporting events indoors, as well as indoor catering. For outdoor events, this applies from a number of participants of 100. Schoolchildren are exempt from the 3G rule.

Bus from school to vaccination centre

Müller assured that schools and universities are now going back to attendance mode, taking into account the hygiene rules. Especially for students, this was overdue after three semesters, he stressed. The mask requirement in schools will be extended by 14 days for the time being, he added.

"We want to appeal to even younger people," Müller said in reference to the vaccination campaign. Bus shuttles to vaccination centres are to be organised from schools. Müller rejected criticism of a letter in which Health Senator Dilek Kalayci called on young people to be vaccinated: the letter merely pointed out possibilities, there was no obligation to vaccinate.

50,000 special vaccinations

The Senate's special vaccination campaigns, for example in car parks, have been well received, Müller added. So far, more than 50,000 additional vaccinations

have been carried out in this way. Müller announced further such offers - combined with an urgent appeal to make use of them.

Meanwhile, the Senate is preparing for the first booster vaccinations. The first appointments are to be made available in September.