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THE LARGEST VACCINATION CENTRE IN THE CANTON OF ZURICH STARTS OPERATIONS

On 6 April 2021, the Covid-19 vaccination centre Messe Zürich will start operations as the largest vaccination centre in the canton. As soon as sufficient quantities of the vaccine are available, up to 4 000 people per day can be vaccinated on 30 vaccination lines. The Hirslanden Group is thus steadily continuing its commitment to combatting the coronavirus.

Today, the largest vaccination centre in the canton has gone into operation where an empty exhibition hall stood just a few weeks ago. With its location at the Messe Zürich in Oerlikon, it is ideally situated in terms of transport connections. The vaccination centre has the capacity to vaccinate up to 4 000 people per day against Covid-19 on 30 parallel vaccination lines. Due to the vaccine availability, it is still open with reduced capacity from Monday to Friday, 12:00-19:00 during the start-up phase, but can be ramped up quickly if needed.

Once operations are running at maximum capacity, around 100 employees will be on site per shift, which represents a real staffing challenge. However, the response in terms of applications for medical staff and administrative jobs has been very encouraging and we may find our way back to normality together with the support of the general public.

Registration and booking of an appointment for vaccination at the Covid-19 vaccination centre Messe Zürich take place via the registration portal of the Canton of Zurich. This is linked on the website of the Health Department (www.zh.ch/coronaimpfung). If you do not have access to the internet, you can also register and book an appointment by telephone via the vaccination hotline (tel. 0848 33 66 11).

With the vaccinations, repeat testing and the inpatient and intensive care treatment of affected Covid-19 patients, Hirslanden is committed to containing the Covid-19 pandemic on a broad front.

As a Swiss national healthcare provider, the Hirslanden Group offers integrated healthcare along the entire life course, the so-called continuum of care. This includes prevention, medical diagnosis, counselling, therapy and aftercare. The focus is no longer only on the patient, but on the person. Together with our partners, we offer physical and digital care in every life situation and throughout the entire life journey – close to home and of the highest quality.

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About Hirslanden

The Hirslanden Group operates 17 hospitals in 10 cantons, many of which have an emergency department. It also operates 4 outpatient surgical units, 17 radiology institutes and 5 radiotherapy institutes. Together with public and private cooperation partners, Hirslanden focuses on the continuum of care and promoting high-quality, responsible, personalised and efficiently integrated healthcare – this explicitly includes, especially in the current situation, prevention in addition to acute treatment in hospitals.

The Hirslanden Group has 2 506 affiliated doctors and 10 417 employees, 498 of whom are permanently employed doctors. Hirslanden is the largest medical network in Switzerland. In the 2019/20 financial year, the Group generated turnover of CHF 1 804 million. As at 31.3.2020, the Group had treated 107 491 patients, amounting to a total of 471 717 inpatient days. In insurance terms, the patient mix consists of 49.2% basic, 29.3% semi-private, and 21.5% private insured patients.

Hirslanden is synonymous with first-class medical care provided by highly qualified medical specialists with many years of experience. As a system provider, the Group stands out from the rest of the market: interdisciplinary medical centres of expertise and specialised institutes enable it to offer the best possible individualised treatment, even in highly complex cases. The Hirslanden Group was formed in 1990 through the merger of several hospitals. Since 2007, it has been part of the international hospital group Mediclinic International plc, which is listed on the London Stock Exchange.