

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **THE COVID-19 VACCINATION CENTRE WEINFELDEN HAS STARTED OPERATIONS**

**On 6 April 2021, the Covid-19 vaccination centre in Weinfelden started operations as the third and largest vaccination centre in the Canton of Thurgau. More than 2 000 people can be vaccinated per day on 14 vaccination lines. As the operator of the Thurgau vaccination centres, the Hirslanden Group continues to assume health policy responsibility in the fight against the coronavirus and is actively involved in the Swiss vaccination strategy.**

In addition to the vaccination ship MS Thurgau and the centre in Frauenfeld, the third and largest Covid-19 vaccination centre in the Canton of Thurgau opened in Weinfelden on the Tuesday after Easter. It is considerable in size with 14 vaccination lanes. In the former industrial hall on Tannenwiesenstrasse, more than 2 000 people can be vaccinated per day – vaccine capacity permitting. That is 5 per cent of the Thurgau population per 7-day week in Weinfelden alone.

The concept of the large-scale vaccination centre was based on previous experience. Thanks to the constant monitoring of the processes, improvements could be implemented in consultation with the canton, for example in the vaccine preparation process. Good coordination between all those involved is essential. The scheduling of staff depends on vaccine availability and is therefore challenging. However, due to the broad support of professionals and administrative staff from the population, it is possible to react to changes in vaccine availability at short notice.

Registration and booking of an appointment for vaccination at the Covid-19 Vaccination Centre Weinfelden take place via the registration portal of the Canton of Thurgau. This is linked on the website of the Office of Public Health (<https://gesundheit.tg.ch/aktuelles/covid-19-impfung-kanton-thurgau.html/11590>).

Hirslanden is actively involved in the Swiss vaccination strategy and the fight against the coronavirus through the rapid establishment and safe, high-quality operation of vaccination centres, repeat testing and the inpatient and intensive care treatment of affected Covid-19 patients.

As a healthcare provider throughout Switzerland, the Hirslanden Group offers integrated medical care 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 its partners, Hirslanden enables physical and digital care in every life situation – 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.