



WIKUS sincreases contact safety with Covid-19 vaccination campaign

More than ever, business relationships require close knowledge sharing, flexible contact options, and reliable supply chains. Customers and partners can always rely on the fact that all of this is a top priority at WIKUS-Sägenfabrik Wilhelm H. Kullmann GmbH Co. KG. In order to further improve contact and delivery capability as well as service quality, Europe's largest manufacturer of band saws is offering Corona vaccinations for its employees.

Spangenberg 28.07.2021: – “WIKUS is rolling up its sleeves” – under this motto, the company vaccination campaign started in June 2021 at the German [WIKUS](https://www.wikus.de) site in Spangenberg in northern Hesse. More than 160 of the approximately 500 employees (as of July 2021) have now been vaccinated against the SARS-CoV 2 coronavirus. Other employees who belong to prioritization group 3 and older employees were offered vaccination. In addition to employees, customers and partners benefit above all from more flexible travel and contact options – for example, in the form of an expansion of face-to-face appointments for on-site technical consulting as needed. In this way, WIKUS ultimately ensures not only its ability to deliver, but also the individual support of the customer.

More quality and flexibility in service and consulting

The vaccination campaign additionally provides customers and partners with optimized contact options for taking advantage of WIKUS' service offering and consulting services. This is because these services, including needs analyses, planning, and solutions, can now once again increasingly be offered directly at the customer's premises. Whether as before by telephone, virtually, or again on site: the WIKUS experts with application experience offer ongoing competent technical advice for all cases. Above all, the interdisciplinary involvement of various specialists contributes to the fast and competent solution of customer-, process-, and material-specific challenges in order to further optimize sawing processes – whether for routine, special, or highly complex application issues.

Higher contact safety offers advantages for customers

An internal WIKUS Corona team was already formed at the beginning of the pandemic in order to be able to implement all protective and hygienic measures consistently and safely during ongoing operations in the interests of employees and customers. Among other things, a comprehensive range of free self-tests and the option of remote working protected employees on site. With the help of the already existing, digital, and proven

infrastructure at WIKUS, a smooth transition was achieved and WIKUS was able to offer all of its usual services digitally as well. Customers could choose to receive technical support and advice via video conferencing or telephone. All in all, the various measures continue to ensure that national and international activities in all production areas can be managed in an agile manner and that customers can continue to benefit from the usual product solutions and services from WIKUS.

Great willingness to vaccinate among the staff at WIKUS

At an early stage, the Corona team had intensively searched for possibilities of an in-house vaccination campaign for the employees in order to be able to quickly offer vaccinations. This was important in order to ensure the ability to deliver the products and not to endanger them due to corona-related downtimes in production and logistics. “The willingness of our colleagues to be vaccinated is strong,” explains Claudia Kaiser, Corporate Communications Officer at WIKUS, and adds: “We were able to make a vaccination offer with the vaccine from BioNTech possible at short notice in order to also offer younger and female employees a company vaccination. We are delighted with the strong start to the campaign, which will continue on an as-needed basis over the coming weeks.”



Figure 1: The first vaccination at the WI.com headquarters in Spangenberg was administered by company physician Dr. Christoph Brückner to employee Janek Zieba. Source: WIKUS-Sägenfabrik

About WIKUS

WIKUS – TOP QUALITY “MADE IN GERMANY”

WIKUS is one of the world market leaders in metal sawing and Europe’s largest manufacturer of band saws. Customers from steel production/trading, foundries, machine/tool making, aerospace, automotive, construction, energy, and many other industries rely on WIKUS’ highly efficient solutions.

With the best input materials, state-of-the-art manufacturing processes, and ongoing quality controls, the WIKUS sawmill from Spangenberg in northern Hesse has been guaranteeing the highest standards in the production of high-tech band saw blades since 1958. At the same time, the family-run company creates significant product and technology trends in the market thanks to its innovative strength. In addition to its high-performance product range, WIKUS offers comprehensive service packages tailored to the respective product. Partner companies as well as sales and service companies worldwide offer competent, personal support on site.

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