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Coronavirus (COVID-19) health alert



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Health**



## When will I get a COVID-19 vaccine?

Australia's COVID-19 vaccines will become available in phases. Learn about priority groups and who will receive the first doses of the vaccine.

# COVID-19 VACCI

## Safe. Effective. Free.

### Check your eligibility



**COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Checker**

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Use the COVID-19 vaccine eligibility checker to find out when you can receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

### COVID-19 vaccines – priority rollout

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This video describes how vaccines will be rolled out, and who they will go to first.



[Read transcript](#)

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Protecting Australians, including our most vulnerable communities from the exposure of COVID-19, is critical.

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COVID-19 vaccines will be safe and effective, helping to prevent death and serious illness. Now that our first vaccine has been approved, it will be made available to those most in need of protection first.

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These groups have been identified based on expert medical advice. \* 1

**People at increased risk of exposure, infection and transmission of COVID-19, include:**

- health, aged care and the disability care workforce
- aged and disability care residents, and
- people in other higher risk settings, such as quarantine and border workers.

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**People who have an increased risk of developing serious illness from COVID-19 include:**

- older people
- people with pre-existing, medical conditions, and
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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**Priority access will also be given to people working in critical services, such as:**

- emergency services providers, defence force personnel, other health care workers, and

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- people supplying and distributing essential goods and services, such as meat processing. 2)(iii)

The delivery of COVID-19 vaccines to those most in need will continually be reviewed based on medical data and evidence.

Once the COVID-19 vaccines have been rolled out to priority groups, doses will be made available to all other adults.

Research from the pandemic has shown that young people are less likely to have severe illness from the virus.

If evidence supports the decision and the vaccines are approved for young people, they will then receive the vaccine.

To learn more, visit [health.gov.au](http://health.gov.au)

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### Advice on priority groups for COVID-19 vaccination in Australia

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has advised the Australian Government on which groups should be prioritised for the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccination in Australia. This advice is consistent with guidance from the World Health Organization (WHO).

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Phase 1a
<p>Quarantine, border and front line health care workers will need to provide proof of occupation to demonstrate their eligibility</p> <p>Quarantine and border workers, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• staff at entry points to the country (such as sea ports and land borders)</li> <li>• staff working in quarantine facilities, including those employed under Commonwealth, state or private agreements, and</li> <li>• Commonwealth employees (including Defence personnel) who are identified as having the potential to encounter returning travellers as part of their work.</li> </ul>

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\*Pfizer vaccine only

<b>Frontline health care worker sub-groups for prioritisation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• frontline staff in facilities or services such as hospital emergency departments, COVID-19 and respiratory wards, Intensive Care Units and High-dependency Units</li> <li>• laboratory staff handling potentially infectious material</li> <li>• ambulance and paramedics service</li> <li>• GP respiratory clinics</li> <li>• COVID-19 testing facilities</li> </ul> <p>*All other healthcare workers are included in Phase 1b, including medical and tertiary students with placements in these healthcare settings.</p>	
<b>Aged care and disability care staff</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• nursing and personal care staff</li> <li>• allied health professionals who routinely provide care</li> <li>• kitchen, cleaning, laundry, garden and office staff</li> </ul>	
<b>Aged care and disability care residents</b>	
<b>Number of doses</b>	up to 1.4m * 3
*Pfizer vaccine only	

<b>Phase 1b</b>	
Elderly adults aged 80 years and over	
Elderly adults aged 70-79 years	
Other health care workers	
Begin vaccinating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults	
Adults with a specified medical condition <p>*People will need to provide proof of these conditions to demonstrate their eligibility for vaccination via My health record, a health professional referral if required or a declaration form.</p>	
Adults with a disability who have a specified underlying medical condition	
Critical and high risk workers including defence, police, fire, emergency services and meat processing <p>* Workers will need to provide proof of occupation to demonstrate their eligibility.</p>	

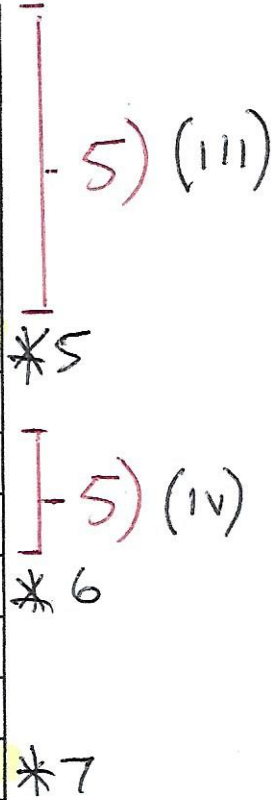
<b>Number of doses</b>	<b>up to 14.8m</b> *4
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**Priority groups for COVID-19 Vaccination Program: Phase 1b**

This presentation shows who will be vaccinated for COVID-19 under Phase 1b, based on recommendations by the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation.

<b>Phase 2a</b>	
Adults aged 60-69 years	
Adults aged 50-59 years	
Continue vaccinating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults	
Other critical and high risk workers	
<b>Number of doses</b>	<b>up to 15.8m</b>
<b>Phase 2b</b>	
Balance of adult population	
Catch up any unvaccinated Australians from previous phases	
<b>Number of doses</b>	<b>up to 16m</b>
<b>Phase 3</b>	
< 16 if recommended*	
<b>Number of doses</b>	<b>up to 13.6m</b>



More information is available on [ATAGI's advice to Government on priority population groups for COVID-19 vaccination](#).

These groups may change as more information becomes available

ATAGI is regularly reviewing data and evidence for vaccines. It may update its advice to government as new information becomes available.

We will update our information if there is any change to the priority groups.

Information that could change the priority groups includes:

- further evidence about the COVID-19 disease and groups that might be affected
- how the vaccines work and who they are safe for according to clinical trial results
- current outbreaks, transmission and medical advice on COVID-19
- when vaccines will be available in Australia.

## Why these groups are prioritised

There is significant demand for safe and effective vaccines to end the COVID-19 pandemic. As vaccines become available, they will go to people in higher risk groups.

Priority groups are identified by considering current public health, medical and epidemiological evidence on who would be most affected if they contracted COVID-19.

For example, health and aged care workers are a priority group because they are at high risk of contracting COVID-19 due to their frequent contact with people.

They are also more likely to transmit the virus to vulnerable people through their work in hospitals and aged care facilities. It is for everyone's benefit that this group is prioritised for vaccination so they can continue providing essential care.

## What this means for you

Whether you are in a priority group or not, the best thing you can do is stay up to date and continue to be COVIDSafe. The Australian Government will provide further information about how vaccines will roll out over the coming months.

In the meantime, everyone still needs to:

- practise good hygiene - YES, ALWAYS DO
- maintain physical distance - NO
- stay home if you are sick and get tested - NO
- download the COVIDSafe app - NO


There are some things you can do now, while you wait to be vaccinated. Find out what you can do to be ready for your COVID-19 vaccine.


Find out more about COVID-19 vaccines and getting vaccinated in Australia.



### National coronavirus and COVID-19 vaccine helpline

If you need information about COVID-19, COVID-19 vaccines or help with the COVIDSafe app, call the telephone number listed below. This number operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

 1800 020 080


 COVID-19 vaccine enquiries

View contact

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8 March 2021

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## COVID-19 VACCINATION

# Information on COVID-19 Pfizer (Comirnaty) vaccine

### About the vaccine

Comirnaty (Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd) is a vaccine that can prevent people from becoming ill from COVID-19. Comirnaty does not contain any live virus, and it cannot give you COVID-19. It contains the genetic code for an important part of the SARS-CoV-2 virus called the spike protein. After getting the vaccine, your body makes copies of the spike protein, and your immune system will learn to recognise and fight against the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which causes COVID-19.

To prevent COVID-19, everyone aged 16 years and older should get vaccinated, with a few exceptions specified in this information sheet. Vaccination is voluntary.

You can discuss any concerns or questions you have about COVID-19 vaccination with your immunisation provider and/or your GP before you receive the vaccine.

### Benefits of the vaccine

A very large clinical trial showed that Comirnaty is effective in preventing COVID-19 in people aged 16 years and older. People who had two doses of Comirnaty were about 95 per cent less likely to get COVID-19 than people who did not get the vaccine. It was equally effective in people over the age of 65 years, and as people with some stable pre-existing medical conditions.

Protection against COVID-19 starts from about 2–3 weeks after the first dose. While one dose may give some protection, it may only last for the short-term. Two doses will give optimal protection. No vaccine is 100 per cent effective, so it is possible that you can still get sick from COVID-19 after vaccination. We do not know how long the protection from Comirnaty will last. We will learn more about this over time.

We currently do not know how effective COVID-19 vaccines are at preventing spread of the virus. This means that SARS-CoV-2 could potentially still infect a vaccinated person. Even if they have no symptoms or only mild symptoms they could still pass it on to others.

- 1) DATE OF PUBLICATION/UPDATE
- 2) WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
- 3) WHO GETS PRIORITY?
- 4) GENERAL INFORMATION.
- 5) PHASES OF ROLL OUT.

5 QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED,

1) 8 MARCH 2021.

2)(1) THOSE AT RISK.

(ii) THOSE AT INCREASED RISK. (THAT IS A MISNOMER BECAUSE APART FROM TWO EXCEPTIONS, FRONTLINE WORKERS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, AND THE ELDERLY & ALREADY ILL, IT'S THE SAME THING. YOU MIGHT AS WELL SAY THEY ARE ALL AT RISK. THERE IS NO INCREASED RISK.)

iii) SO EMERGENCY SERVICES, IE; POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE, AND "OTHER HEALTH CARE WORKERS" ARE ALSO GIVEN PRIORITY.

SHOULDN'T THEY BE UP THERE @ 2)(1)?

THEY'RE @ RISK, AND NOT AN INCREASED ONE. IT'S JUST A RISK. LIKE ANY OTHER ONE.

ALSO!

WHY DO THEY LUMP 'PEOPLE SUPPLYING & DISTRIBUTING ESSENTIAL GOODS & SERVICES', IN WITH THE PRIORITY PEOPLE?

BEARING IN MIND THEY USE THE 'CONNOTATION', OR EXCUSE, SUCH AS "MEAT PROCESSING" WORKERS TO RAM HOME THE FACT THAT WHILE THE REST OF US HAVE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES, OTHERS KEEP THE COUNTRY GOING AND HAVE EXEMPTIONS.

• MOST PEOPLE WILL NOT PICK UP ON THAT, BUT I DO. AND YOU SHOULD TOO. BECAUSE WHILE IT IS ESSENTIAL, IT IS ALSO UNACCEPTABLE TO RESTRICT FREE PEOPLE FROM GOING ABOUT THEIR DAILY BUSINESS WHILST ALLOWING OTHERS TO PROSPER.

(iv) YOUNG PEOPLE. THEY DON'T NEED TO BE VACCINATED BECAUSE THEY ALREADY POSSESS STRONG INNATE IMMUNE SYSTEMS.

NOT ANSWERED.





3) WHO GETS PRIORITY IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS WHO IS ELIGIBLE.

4) THE 'GENERAL' INFORMATION IS WHAT'S CONTAINED IN THE WHOLE FOLDER, NOT JUST THIS PIECE OF PAPER. NOT JUST FROM AUSTRALIA, THE WHOLE WORLD ALSO. IT'S THERE, PLEASE LOOK FOR IT.

5) (i) PLEASE JUST LOOK AT IT, AND COME TO YOUR OWN CONCLUSION. PHASE 1A.

(ii) THEY WANT TO GIVE IT TO PEOPLE PAST THEIR LIFE EXPECTANCY, AND 'OTHER' HEALTHCARE WORKERS. PHASE 1B.

(iii) MIGHT AS WELL BE, MARCUS WELBY; MD. IT'S THE SAME AS 1A. PHASE 2A.

(iv) 'BALANCE OF ADULT POPULATION'

ARE WE SOMETHING TO BE BARTERED & TRADED AWAY, FOR A GOOD BALANCE?

'CATCH UP' ON ANYONE THAT MISSED OUT  
PHASE 2B.

(v) KIDS. CHILDREN. PHASE 3.

"<16 if recommended\*"

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?  
WHO RECOMMENDS IT?

**MAJOR RED FLAG!**

\* IT CLEARLY STATES MULTIPLE TIMES IN ALL OF THE DEVELOPERS FACTSHEETS (MSDS) THAT THE VACCINE SHOULD NOT BE ADMINISTERED TO THOSE 18 AND UNDER. AND PFIZER IS 16 AND UNDER.

NOTE: ISRAELI + AUSTRALIAN GOVTS' ARE THE ONLY GOVTS' PUSHING THIS ON PEOPLE AGED UNDER 18.

ISRAEL - 12 AND OVER.

AUSTRALIA - 16 AND OVER. (till phase 3)

PFIZER BIONTECH - 16 AND OVER.

LEGEND \*

\* 1 'VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES' = INDIGENOUS, ELDERLY, NURSING HOMES, AND IN PHASE 3, KIDS.

\* 1 'SAFE AND EFFECTIVE' = HOW DO THEY KNOW?  
IT'S STILL IN CLINICAL TRIALS.

\* 1 'APPROVED' = NO, IT ISN'T. IT'S PROVISIONAL IN AUSTRALIA AND NOT APPROVED, AND NOT APPROVED! IN THE REST OF THE WORLD. REMEMBER! THE EUA, THAT'S HOW IT IS POSSIBLE.

PANDEMIC, WORLDWIDE. as opposed to. EPIDEMIC, LOCAL.

\* 2 'THE AUSTRALIAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP ON IMMUNISATION (ATAGI)' — AFFILIATED WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO).

\* 3 PHASE 1A - 1.4 MILLION DOSES.

\* 4 PHASE 1B - 14.8 MILLION DOSES.

\* 5 PHASE 2A - 15.8 MILLION DOSES.

\* 6 PHASE 2B - 16 MILLION DOSES.

\* 7 PHASE 3 - 13.6 MILLION DOSES.

TOTAL — 70.6 MILLION DOSES.

ENOUGH FOR EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN AUSTRALIA. TWO JABS. AND SOME LEFT OVER FOR THE 'LAG' THAT SCOTT MORRISON TALKS ABOUT.

DOSES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS.