



Australian Government

## COVID-19 VACCINATION

# COVID-19 vaccine



## Who will get the vaccine?

### Easy Read fact sheet



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We wrote this fact sheet in an easy to read way.  
We use pictures to explain some ideas.



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this fact sheet. A friend, family  
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may be able to help you.



## What is this fact sheet about?

A **vaccine** is medicine that:

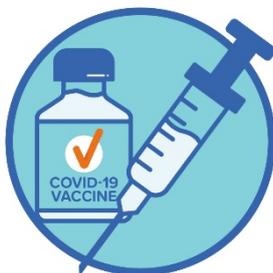


- helps people fight a virus if they come in contact with it
- can stop people from getting very sick from the virus.

The COVID-19 vaccine is a safe way to protect:



- you
- your family
- the community.



A **vaccination** is when you receive an injection of the vaccine. This is done with a needle.



We want to give everyone in Australia a chance to have a COVID-19 vaccination.



But we can't give everyone the vaccination at the same time.



We want as many people as possible to have a vaccination in 2021.

## Who will get the COVID-19 vaccination first?



Some people will have the COVID-19 vaccination first, including people who are more at risk of:

- catching the virus
- getting very sick if they catch the virus.



We call these **priority groups**.



There is a team of medical experts called the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI).



The ATAGI decides who is in a priority group.



The first priority group includes people with disability who live in with at least one other person with disability.

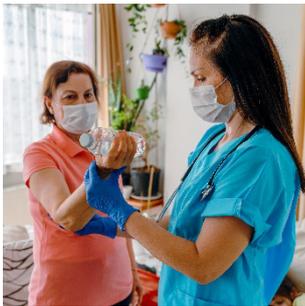
The first priority group also includes:



- people who work in disability accommodation



- people who live in aged care



- people who work in aged care



- doctors and health workers who are more at risk of catching the virus



- **quarantine** workers.



If someone returns from overseas, the government asks them to stay in a hotel.

We call this quarantine.

The second priority group includes:



- people aged 70 years or older



- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 55 years or older



- people with disability who have serious health problems



- other people who have serious health problems



- other doctors and health workers



- other people who work in certain jobs, such as police and firefighters.

To find out if you are in a priority group, you can talk to:



- your doctor



- the people who support you.

At the moment, we have 2 vaccines that have been approved in Australia.



They are called the:

- Pfizer vaccine – this is also known as the Comirnaty vaccine
- COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine.



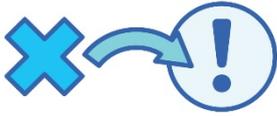
To have the Pfizer vaccination, you must be 16 or older.



To have the AstraZeneca vaccination, you must be 18 or older.



There is more information about these types of vaccine on our website.



Family members and carers of people with disability have not been put in a priority group.

But they might belong in a priority groups for another reason, such as:



- a health problem



- their job.



You can find out more about priority groups on the [Department of Health website](https://www.health.gov.au).

## More information



You can call the Disability Gateway on **1800 643 787**.

They are open from 8 am to 8 pm, Monday to Friday.



You can visit the Department of Health website at [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) for more information about the vaccine.



You can call the National Coronavirus Helpline on **1800 020 080**.



If you need information in a language other than English, call the Translating and Interpreting Service on **131 450**.



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