



Australian Government

COVID-19
✓ **VACCINATION**

COVID-19 vaccine



Where and how can you get the vaccine?

Easy Read fact sheet



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When you see the word 'we', it means the
Australian Government.



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



You can ask for help to read
this fact sheet. A friend, family
member or support person
may be able to help you.



What is this fact sheet about?



A **vaccine** is a type of 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 can't give everyone the vaccine at the same time.



Some people will have the COVID-19 vaccine 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**.

Where can you get the COVID-19 vaccination?



At the moment only some people will have their COVID-19 vaccination.



When it is your turn, you can book an appointment at a place that offers the vaccine.



You might need to wait until you can get an appointment.



At the moment there are different places that offer vaccinations.

This includes:



- local doctor's offices



- clinics run by your state or territory government or the Australian Government



- places run by NDIS service providers.



If you live in a disability group home, a vaccination team might come to your home.



You might also be able to ask for a doctor to visit you at your home.

What if I need the Pfizer vaccine?



You can't choose which vaccine you receive.

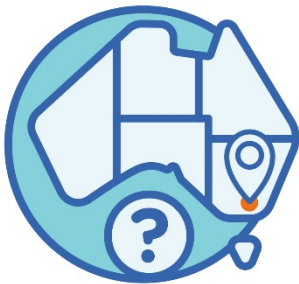
The type of vaccine you will receive depends on:



- how old you are



- what your doctor says



- what is available in your area.



We wrote Easy Read documents that explain each type of vaccine in detail.



You can find them on the Department of Health website at www.health.gov.au.

At the moment Pfizer is only available at some:



- clinics



- local doctor's offices.



You can ask what type of vaccine you will get when you book your appointment.

How to book your vaccination

You can find out where you can book an appointment by:



- contacting a place that offers the vaccine



- talking to your disability provider



- using the COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Checker on the Healthdirect Australia website at www.covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility



- calling the Disability Gateway on **1800 643 787**.



You might need to wait until you can get an appointment.

There are limited amounts of vaccines available.

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 for more information about the vaccine.



You can call the National Coronavirus and COVID-19 Vaccine Helpline on **1800 020 080**.



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



If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, you can call the National Relay Service on **133 677**.



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