

Victorian COVID-19 vaccination program

Health services roles and responsibilities for delivery of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine

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The purpose of the Victorian COVID-19 vaccination program is to protect those who are at most risk from serious illness or death due to COVID-19. A vaccine to prevent COVID-19 is likely to be most effective way to control the pandemic.

Initial roll out will commence with delivery of the Pfizer/BioNTech Comirnaty™ BNT162b2 [mRNA] COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine). The Victorian Department of Health (the department) has nominated nine public health services, aligned with the department's local public health units (LPHUs), to deliver the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine as part of the [Australian COVID-19 Vaccination Policy](#), endorsed by National Cabinet on 13 November 2020. These nine health service hubs include:

- Albury Wodonga Health
- Austin Health
- Ballarat Health Services
- Barwon Health
- Bendigo Health
- Goulburn Valley Health
- Latrobe Regional Hospital
- Monash Health
- Western Health

Some of the hubs will have other health services and locations that will serve as outreach or sub-hubs. Overall implementation in outreach or sub-hubs will be led by the primary hub in which they are a part of.

Summary of responsibilities

The Commonwealth Government is responsible for leading the overall implementation of the Australian COVID-19 vaccination program in collaboration with States and Territories.

Table 1 below provides a summary of key responsibilities:

Table 1: Summary of high-level responsibilities

Commonwealth	Victorian Department of Health	LPHU Health services
<p><u>Logistics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> selecting and purchasing vaccines safely transporting vaccine doses to storage and administration sites specifying types of and minimum requirements for vaccination locations <p><u>Engagement and Delivery</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> specifying priority populations, drawing from advice from ATAGI developing and delivering the national communications campaign <p><u>Workforce</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> specifying minimum training requirements for the immunisation workforce <p><u>IT and data</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> setting data collection and reporting requirements and adverse event monitoring via the TGA 	<p><u>Logistics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> providing guidance to health services on the required cold-chain, waste management and stock security requirements at storage and administration sites <p><u>Engagement and Delivery</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> providing guidance to health services on clinical governance requirements at vaccination sites <p><u>Workforce</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> authorising, under Victorian legislation, of the selected workforce to possess and administer COVID-19 vaccines ensuring an appropriately qualified and trained workforce prioritisation framework for Phase 1a vaccination cohorts <p><u>IT and data</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> implementing a COVID-19 Vaccine Management System (CVMS) with booking system for patient access providing CVMS training and support establishing linkages and integration between current and future relevant data systems provision of real time program data and reporting requirements to relevant co-ordinating bodies (e.g. TGA) 	<p>LPHU Health services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> responsibility for the stock integrity and clinical governance of the vaccination program at their health service in some circumstances, LPHU health services may delegate responsibility of stock and/or clinical governance to another health service that they deem to be suitably prepared and qualified to manage the product without their direct supervision in line with Pfizer requirements (e.g. another public or private health service incl. their PSRACS) development and implementation of local delivery plans to ensure all systems and processes, workforce, training and all other relevant preparatory requirements are in place ensuring all Phase 1a groups in their catchment have access to the vaccine (excl. disability, private aged care) ensuring the quality and integrity of the vaccine stock being delivered to a sub-hub/outreach (e.g. maintaining the cold-chain of the vaccine during delivery) commencing vaccination at public sector residential aged care services (PSRACS) when hub activated <p>Non LPHU health service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> work with their LPHU health service to support outreach or sub-hub models where necessary incl. storage and handling, transportation responsibility for the stock integrity and clinical governance of the vaccination program at their health service (where responsibility has been delegated by LPHU health service) ensuring workforce is adequately trained and prepared to administer the vaccine safely (if involved in vaccinating) cooperate with their LPHU Health Service on data requests for registration of Phase 1a hospital staff and CVMS users at their health service (please note: special arrangements will be in place for Monash/Alfred for hotel quarantine)

Table 2 below outlines which hub is responsible for each Phase 1a group.

Phase 1a group	Responsibility
Staff involved in the vaccination program	Health service hubs
Hotel quarantine staff	Monash Health Hub/Alfred sub-hub
Ports of entry workers I. High risk staff at Victorian airports (international and domestic) II. Marine workers	I. Western health II. Barwon, with remainder TBA
Prioritised hospital staff (including health services in catchment – public and private)	Health service hubs
Health care workers at Victorian COVID-19 testing sites	Health service hubs (lower priority)
Prioritised health care workers (e.g. GP respiratory clinics, paramedics)	Health service hub (lower priority)
Public sector aged care workers and residents	Health service hubs
<u>Private</u> sector aged care workers and residents	Commonwealth
<u>Private</u> and public sector disability workers and residents	Commonwealth