

Pre-Vaccination Screening – Outreach Reference Guide

The following questions will help us determine if there is any reason the vaccine recipient should not have the COVID-19 vaccine today. **If they answer “yes” to any question, it does not necessarily mean they should not be vaccinated.** It just means additional questions and medical officer review may be required.

Pre Vaccination Question	If Yes	Further Information
1. Have you ever received a COVID-19 vaccine?	Which product? Date?	Confirm that second dose is required and within correct timeframe.
2. Have you had an allergic reaction to a vaccine or medication or other allergen in the past? <i>* includes anaphylaxis requiring adrenaline and/or hospitalisation OR an allergic reaction within 4 hours causing hives, swelling or respiratory distress.</i>	What was the allergic reaction to? (a) Previous COVID-19 vaccine? Which one? Pfizer or Astra Zeneca? (b) Polyethylene glycol (PEG), which is found in some medications, such as laxatives and preparations for colonoscopy procedures? (c) Polysorbate (d) Other vaccine? (e) Other injectable therapy (intramuscular, intravenous or subcut). Severity?	If (a), (b), (c) or (d) defer vaccination today and refer to the Western Health Specialist Immunisation Clinic (SIC) at Sunshine Hospital. Contact SH hub’s HMO to complete & email a referral form as per the ViCSIS guidelines If (e) Vaccine not to be given at outreach hub, defer to SH hub’s HMO. HMO to refer to SIC if concern or counsel about potential risk and observe for 30 minutes post vaccination (vaccination to only be undertaken at Sunshine). Allergic reactions, including severe allergic reactions that are NOT related to vaccines or injectable therapies, components of mRNA COVID-19 (Pfizer) vaccines (including PEG), or polysorbates are NOT contraindications or precautions for currently authorised COVID-19 vaccines. HOWEVER, individuals who have had severe allergic reactions to anything, regardless of cause, should be observed for 30 minutes after vaccination at the Sunshine Hub.





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		All others, including those with immediate allergic reactions that were not severe, should be observed for 15 minutes.
3. Have you ever had a positive test for COVID-19 or has a doctor ever told you that you have COVID-19?	When was the last time you had a positive test? Have you been cleared by DH and have clearance letter?	If within 3 weeks of last positive test and/or cannot provide a clearance letter, defer vaccination today and ask to reschedule (could still be shedding virus).
4. Do you have a bleeding disorder/currently taking anticoagulants?	If on anticoagulant therapy (not just aspirin), defer vaccination. Direct the vaccine recipient to discuss this with their treating doctor and reschedule appointment if cleared by treating doctor to receive vaccine.	If they have discussed this with their treating doctor and they have been deemed suitable, they may proceed with their vaccination today. Vaccinations should be administered via intramuscular injection, using a 25 gauge needle (if suitable). Ask vaccine recipient to apply firm pressure on injection site without rubbing for 2 to 5 minutes post injection to reduce bleeding and swelling. Advise they may have local bruising.
5. Are you immunocompromised?	Counsel vaccine recipient on unknown vaccine safety and effectiveness on immunocompromised people	Vaccines may be administered to persons with underlying medical conditions who have no contraindications to vaccination.





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		<p>Vaccine recipients should be counselled about the unknown vaccine safety profile and effectiveness in immunocompromised populations, as well as the potential for reduced immune responses.</p> <p>Immunocompromised people should be advised to continue to follow all current guidance to protect themselves against COVID-19, including wearing a mask, social distancing, and washing hands frequently.</p>
6. Are you pregnant?	<p>If pregnant, defer appointment and ask person to speak with their GP or obstetrician.</p> <p>If remain anxious, refer women to WH SIC.</p>	<p>Vaccination in pregnancy is not routinely recommended, but is not contraindicated.</p> <p>There is no data on the safety of this vaccine in pregnancy and on pregnancy outcomes.</p> <p>Refer to the ATAGI COVID-19 vaccination decision guide for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or planning pregnancy for very helpful guidance.</p>
7. Are you breastfeeding?	<p>If breastfeeding, reassure, can proceed with vaccination today.</p>	<p>Refer to the ATAGI COVID-19 vaccination decision guide for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or planning pregnancy for very helpful guidance.</p>
8. Are you feeling sick today, and/or have a temperature $\geq 38.5^{\circ}\text{C}$?	<p>Defer vaccination today and reschedule appointment.</p>	<p>If the vaccine recipient has a temperature and has had a negative COVID result they are still required to defer vaccination until they have recovered from their acute febrile illness.</p>





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	Direct to nearest Respiratory Assessment Clinic to get tested for COVID-19 and isolate until result received.	This is a general precaution for all vaccines and will also avoid misattribution of acute symptoms from the acute illness as being due to the vaccine or vice-versa.
9. Have you received any vaccines in the previous 14 days?	Confirm vaccination that has been received in the previous 14 days. Defer vaccination today and reschedule appointment.	Best practice is to separate COVID-19 vaccine and any others vaccines by 14 days.
10. Is the vaccine recipient < 16 years of age?	Cancel vaccination appointment.	Inform vaccine recipient that the vaccine is currently not approved for administration to people < 16 years of age.
11. Known systemic mast cell activation disorder with raised mast cell tryptase that requires treatment?	Defer vaccination today. Inform the vaccine recipient they require referral to the SIC.	Complete referral form and email to COVIDvaccinationSIS@wh.org.au