

Eligibility guidance and appointments at state vaccination centres

As of 24 August 2021



All people aged 16 years and over are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine

- Pfizer**
- Pfizer is the preferred vaccine recommended by ATAGI for people aged under 60 years.
 - Pfizer will be offered to all **people aged 16-59 years**.
 - People aged 12-15 years with a specified medical condition (including severe mental health conditions), on the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and/or living with significant disability requiring frequent assistance with activities of daily living
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 12 years and over
- AstraZeneca**
- AstraZeneca vaccine will be offered to people aged 60 years and over.
 - Adults aged 18-59 who provide informed consent can receive the AstraZeneca vaccine.

Eligibility	General population	Workforces
<p>Reserved Pfizer appointments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These appointments are available to ensure access for key groups • Also referred to as priority access appointments • Everyone in this category is eligible for Pfizer regardless of age <p>People who have a booked appointment must be vaccinated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public and private sector aged care residents • Residential disability care residents • Household contacts of hotel quarantine and border workers • People deemed to be vulnerable and at high risk of contracting or developing serious illness from COVID-19, including residents of high risk accommodation and people with a specified medical condition or people and those on the National Disability Insurance Scheme and/or living with significant disability requiring frequent assistance with activities of daily living* • Students and household contacts/affiliates associated with Tier 1 schools/child care settings aged 12-15 years with a specified medical condition (including severe mental health conditions) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public and private sector residential aged care workers • Residential disability care workers • Hotel quarantine and border workers including airports and marine ports • All healthcare workers (public/private and acute/community-based services), including testing staff, ambulance workers and paramedics • Critical and high-risk workers who are currently employed by meat and seafood processing and associated cold chain transportation • Specified Worker (Multiple Entry) Permit holder who has obtained the permit because they are required to enter and exit the state as a freight driver or to enable the provision of healthcare services
<p>People who should be referred to Victorian Specialist Immunisation Service</p>	<p>People aged 60 years or older may be eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine if they have a history of any of the following medical conditions. For guidance on how to make a referral, visit Melbourne Vaccine Education Centre (MVEC) website. These people should be referred to the Victorian Specialist Immunisation Service (VicSIS) for further review and determination of eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a history of cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST), idiopathic splanchnic (mesenteric, portal, splenic) vein thrombosis, heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT), antiphospholipid syndrome with thrombosis, or thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) • had immediate (within 4 hours) and generalised symptoms of a possible allergic reaction (e.g. urticaria/hives) to a previous dose of AstraZeneca vaccine • a history of anaphylaxis to previous vaccines and/or multiple drugs (injectable and/or oral) where ingredients such as polysorbate 80 may conceivably be the cause • people who have a history of capillary leak syndrome • people with contraindications to AstraZeneca vaccine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ anaphylaxis to a previous dose of AstraZeneca, or to an ingredient of the vaccine (e.g. polysorbate 80) ○ thrombosis with thrombocytopenia occurring after the first dose of AstraZeneca • other serious adverse events attributed to the first dose of AstraZeneca. 	

*People deemed to be eligible are vulnerable and at high risk of contracting or developing serious illness from COVID-19 includes those experiencing homelessness, sleeping rough, or in emergency accommodation; those receiving drug and alcohol support services; and residents of residential mental health facilities. People with a specified medical condition or people with a significant disability are included. Residents of high-risk accommodation includes those residing in residents of high rise and low-rise public housing, community housing and other sensitive accommodation settings with shared facilities (including private provides) (e.g. Supported Residential Services, rooming houses high risk-community housing, and other high-density settings with vulnerable populations and compliance issues (case by case) such as backpacker hostels, caravan parks and retirement living.

Residence in Victoria is not a requirement to be eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in Victoria.