

Priority Patient Access COVID-19 Vaccination

COVID-19 VACCINATION HUB



Western Health is committed to working with the Commonwealth and State Governments to support the delivery of the Australian Governments COVID-19 Vaccination Program.

Patients aged 12 years and over who have an underlying medical condition or pregnant women are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Western Health acknowledges the importance of these patients receiving the COVID-19 vaccination in a timely and safe manner.

The establishment of a priority patient access model of care will enable a more efficient delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine. This document outlines the process for priority patient access to COVID-19 vaccination for all eligible Western Health patients.

Western Health clinicians can follow this process to assist in counselling patients regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and support priority patient access to vaccination at one of our Western Health COVID-19 Vaccination Hubs.

Priority patient access will be available for eligible patient Monday to Sunday from 0800 to 1530.

Priority Patient Access Eligibility for COVID-19 Vaccination

Patients eligible for priority patient access must be:

- 12 years and older with an underlying medical condition or significant disability and their caregivers; including NDIS participants
- Pregnant women
- A Western Health patient with a medical unit record number
- In the Phase 1B of the Australian Government Health Guidelines for priority vaccination

General principles of Priority Patient Access

- Clinician's providing ambulatory and inpatient care are responsible for identifying eligible patients within their program areas that require vaccination.
- The informed consent must be obtained on the day of vaccination. If eligible individuals are not able to consent for themselves then a Next of Kin or Power of Attorney is required to attend with the patient on the day of vaccination.
- Patients will receive the vaccine they are eligible for according to the Department of Health recommendations at the time.

Note: If a vaccine is requested that deviates from the recommended vaccination, a discussion and/or consultation with the COVID-19 Vaccination Program Consultant must occur or a referral to the WH Victorian Specialist Immunisation Service should be considered. [VicSIS Referral Guide and Referral Form](#).



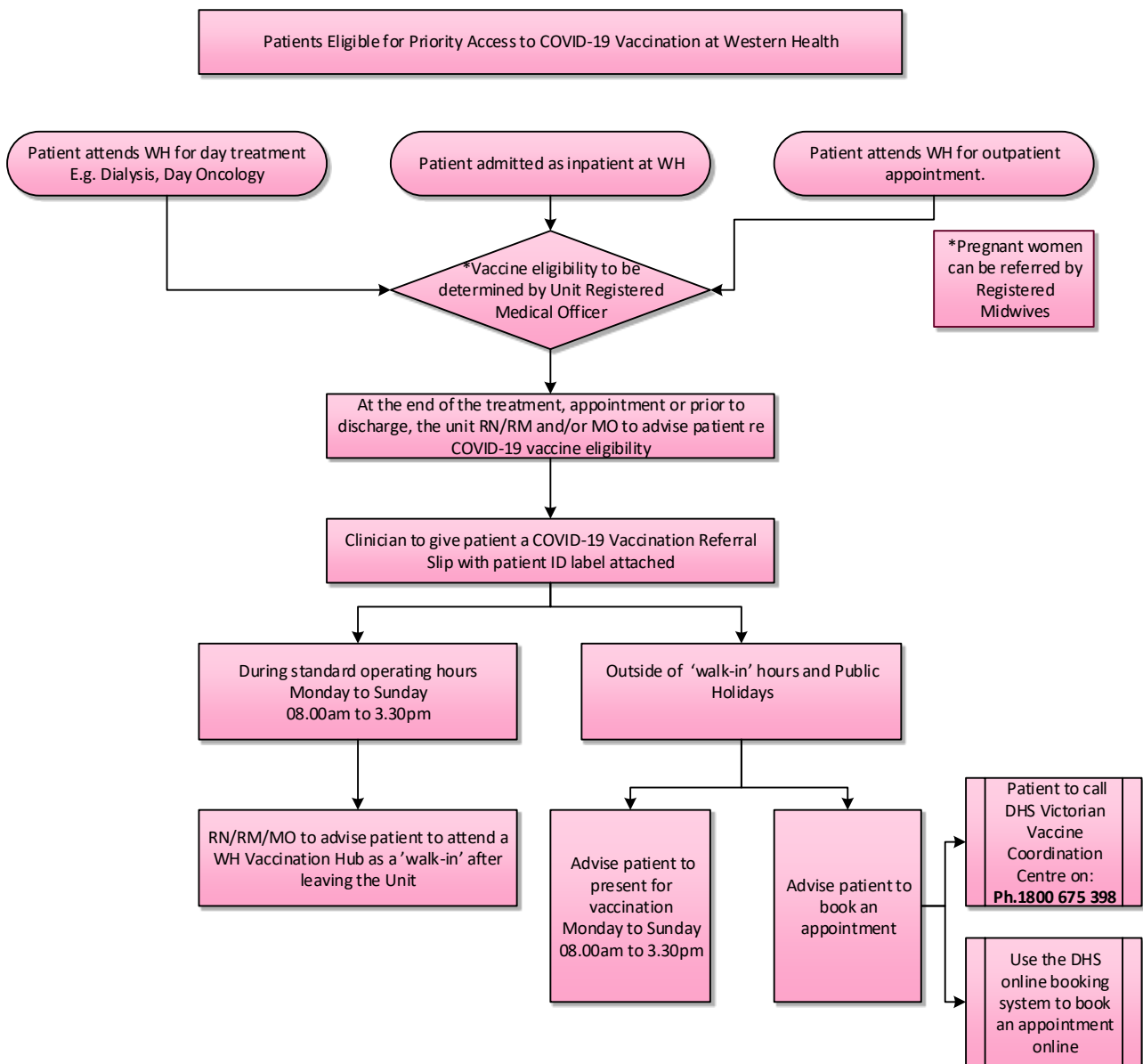
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How do patients access Priority Patient Access?

Eligible patient must be given a COVID-19 Vaccine Referral Slip (see appendix one) with a patient identification label attached and instructed to access priority patient access at a Western Health COVID-19 Vaccination Hub as per the workflow below.



Please Note
All Western Health patient with underlying medical conditions that are eligible for vaccination or women who are pregnant and present to one of the Western Health COVID-19 Vaccination Hub with a COVID-19 Vaccination Referral Slip will be treated as a Priority Patient and will not need to wait in the queue even if they **DO NOT** have an appointment booking.

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Useful Resources

Useful resources to support staff to discuss COVID-19 vaccination and obtain informed consent.

1. [Eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine](#)
2. [ATAGI Immunisation provider guide for obtaining informed consent](#)
3. [Vaccination Administration - Consent, Monitoring and Documentation](#)
4. [Getting Vaccinated - Patient Information Pack](#)
5. [COVID-19 vaccination - preparing for COVID-19 vaccination \(other languages\)](#)

If further information is required, please visit the Western Health [COVID-19 Vaccination Hub - Quick Reference Guides](#) in the first instance. If there are any further question, Dr Katherine Langan, Consultant, Western Health Vaccination Program, will be available to assist via myBeepr or email at Katherine.Langan@wh.org.au



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Appendix One – COVID-19 Vaccine Referral Slip

COVID-19 VACCINE REFERRAL SLIP

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GETTING YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE

People aged 16 years and older are eligible to receive a free COVID-19 vaccine.

It is recommended for you to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Western Health
Patient Identification Label

Vaccination will help keep your loved ones and community safe.

Please present this at a Western Health COVID-19 Vaccination Hub to enable priority access to your COVID-19 vaccine.

or

To book a vaccination appointment, call the Victorian Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398. You can also book and find out more information at www.covid-19vaccination.wh.org.au