

Eligibility guidance for state vaccine clinics

As of 14 August 2021 - Changes are in bold



Pfizer	Pfizer is the preferred vaccine recommended by ATAGI for people aged under 60 years. Pfizer will be offered to all eligible people under 60 years and those aged over 60 who meet certain criteria.
AstraZeneca	AstraZeneca vaccine will be offered to people aged 60 years and over. Adults aged 18-59 who provide informed consent (and are otherwise unable to access a Pfizer vaccine) can receive the AstraZeneca vaccine

People who can currently get a COVID-19 vaccine

Eligibility	General population	Workforces	People eligible based on age
<p>Reserved Pfizer appointments</p> <p>These appointments are available to ensure access for key groups</p> <p>Also referred to as priority access appointments</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 <u>specified medical condition or people with a significant disability</u> Students, staff and household contacts/affiliates associated with the Truganina outbreak school pilot aged 16 years and over, and those aged 12 years and over with an underlying medical condition. 	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and household contacts/affiliates associated with Tier 1 schools/child care settings aged 12-15 years with a <u>specified medical condition (including severe mental health conditions)</u>
<p>Reserved appointments</p> <p>Age appropriate vaccine only</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students, staff and household contacts/affiliates associated with Tier 1 schools/childcare settings aged 16 years and over, and those aged 12 years and over with an underlying medical condition. 		
<p>General appointments</p> <p>These appointments are available for eligible individuals</p> <p>People aged 60 years and older will receive AstraZeneca. People aged under 60 years will receive Pfizer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who have already had their first dose of Pfizer vaccine, regardless of their age. Corrections and detention clients Adults with a significant disability, NDIS participants, limited TAC and WorkSafe clients Carers (paid and unpaid of <u>persons specified by the Commonwealth</u>) Disability and aged care support volunteers who provide support to people in their homes, respite care, education, employment, leisure and/or residential settings, including those providing transport and advocacy services. Travellers who have received a travel restriction exemption from the Australian Government to leave Australia (iii) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corrections and detention staff Critical and high-risk workers who are currently employed including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active defence, police, fire, emergency services Workers involved in manufacture and distribution/delivery of COVID-19 vaccines all staff at international points of entry Supermarket distribution centres Public-facing transport workers including public transport drivers, and commercial passenger vehicle drivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All adults aged 40 years and over Pregnant people aged 16 years and over People aged 12-15 years with a <u>specified medical condition (including severe mental health conditions)</u> Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 12 years and over
<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. These people should be referred to the Victorian Specialist Immunisation Service (VicSIS) for further review and determination of eligibility. For guidance on how to make a referral, visit Melbourne Vaccine Education Centre (MVEC) website: 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, 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 and other serious adverse events attributed to the first dose of AstraZeneca.</p>		

- 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.
- As of 12 May 2021, the approved categories include people travelling for the following reasons: response to the COVID-19 Outbreak; critical industries and business urgent medical treatment; compassionate and compelling grounds; urgent and unavoidable personal business; and national interest. People who have received a travel exemption under the category of 'travelling overseas for a compelling reason for at least 3 months' will not be prioritised for vaccination.

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