



COVID-19 Vaccines

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need a COVID-19 vaccination?

Yes. COVID-19 is a serious illness for many. Thousands of people around Australia have died of COVID-19. Everybody who is eligible should get vaccinated to protect others in the community from getting really sick.

What about children?

It's important that children are vaccinated to protect themselves, their families and Elders.

Children's vaccines are not as strong as the adult dose and are recommended for:

- Infants and toddlers aged 6 months to 4 years who are really sick from other things different to COVID-19.
- Children aged 5 to 11 years old.

How many doses do I need?

One dose is not enough. If you are not sure when to have your next dose, talk to your health care worker or visit [when to get your next COVID-19 vaccination](#).

Age group	Doses recommended
6m to 4	2
5 to 15	2
16 to 29	3
30 to 49 (option of 4th)	3
50+	4

For children with severely immunocompromise, disability or who have complex health conditions

people with severe immunocompromise or complex health conditions may require additional doses

What happens if I'm not vaccinated?

You could get really sick and pass it on and make someone else really sick.

Will the COVID-19 vaccine work if the virus changes?

COVID-19 vaccines can still help prevent people from getting very sick even when the virus changes.

Do I still need the vaccine if I've already had COVID-19?

Yes. You should still get vaccinated three months after you have had COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines can help to stop you from getting very sick, going to hospital, or dying from COVID-19.

Should pregnant women get vaccinated?

Yes. COVID-19 vaccines are safe for pregnant and breastfeeding women. Vaccines have been given to lots of pregnant women and they are safe. The baby is protected by mum's vaccine. Also, the vaccines don't stop you from having a baby.

I live in a remote community and move between places. What should I do?

You don't have to receive all your doses of the COVID-19 vaccine at the same place. You can go to any clinic to get your needle.

What about long COVID?

Sometimes COVID-19 makes a person feel sick for a long time after they first become sick. Studies have shown that vaccination reduces your chances of getting long COVID symptoms.

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