



COVID-19 vaccines

Information for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who are aged 12 years and over can get their COVID-19 vaccine from Monday the 9th of August.

The Australian Government has announced that all **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples over the age of 12** are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

The COVID-19 vaccines are **safe, effective, and free.**

By getting vaccinated you are helping to **protect yourself, your family, your Elders and Community** from COVID-19. Together we do better.

- If you are aged 60 years and over, you will likely receive AstraZeneca
- If you are 59 years of age or under, Pfizer is the preferred vaccine.

How to book an appointment

- All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples **aged 12 and above will be able to get their COVID-19 vaccine** at a participating Aboriginal Health services, doctor clinic, or vaccination centre.
- Please use the [Eligibility checker](#) to find your closest Aboriginal health service, doctor clinic, or vaccination centre. You can book directly through the website or by calling the clinic directly.
- Information on state run vaccination centres: www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-centres

Aboriginal Health services in Victoria have started to deliver COVID-19 Pfizer vaccines. As more Aboriginal Health services start to deliver COVID-19 Pfizer vaccines we will update our communications.

How to book an appointment	
Victorian vaccination centres	Book online at a vaccination centre Call the Victorian Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398 Translators are available via the hotline – select option 0
Doctors, Aboriginal health services and community clinics	Find a vaccine provider near you by using the Eligibility checker

Additional information about Pfizer (Comirnaty) Vaccine:

- Please refer to the resource Information on [COVID-19 Pfizer \(Comirnaty\) vaccine](#) for Pfizer specific information.
- National ATAGI guidance [ATAGI statement regarding vaccination of adolescents aged 12–15 years | Australian Government Department of Health](#)

Preparing for your vaccine

What to bring:

- Medicare card or individual health identifier
- Photo identification that shows date of birth for example driver licence

Please be aware that you need to wait 7 days between having your Flu vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine.

More information

For more information visit: www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine

For additional information please refer to below links.

- [Victorian Government - info for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities](#)
- [Australian Government - info for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities](#)
- [Daily Chief Health Officer Update](#)

The department appreciates your partnership and patience as we rollout the largest immunisation program in our history. As always, if you have any queries related to the COVID-19 vaccine please contact COVIDVaccination@dhhs.vic.gov.au.

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