



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 aged over five years should get vaccinated to protect others in the community from getting really sick.

What about children?

It's important that children aged over 5 are vaccinated to protect themselves, their families and Elders. The vaccines are not as strong as the adult dose. There are currently no vaccines approved for children aged 4 years and under.

How many doses do I need?

One dose is not enough.

- Everybody aged over 5 needs the first two doses.
- People aged 16 and over need three doses.
- Aboriginal people aged over 50 need an extra booster.
- Some people who have extra low immunity will need another dose.

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?

The virus is changing and scientific evidence shows COVID-19 vaccines can still help prevent people from getting very sick.

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

Yes. People who have had COVID-19 and have recovered should still get vaccinated. People who have been vaccinated can still catch COVID-19, but the evidence shows that COVID-19 vaccines are very effective at preventing you from getting very sick, going to hospital, or dying from COVID-19.

Should pregnant women get vaccinated?

It is very important that women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or wanting to have a baby, get vaccinated as soon as possible to protect themselves. 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 your second dose or your booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at the same place you received your first one. 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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