

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

People who have a COVID-19 vaccination have a much lower chance of getting sick from the disease called COVID-19.

There are two brands of vaccine in use in Australia. Both are effective and safe. For adults aged under 50 years either brand may be used, however Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine is preferred over AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.

You need to have two doses of the same brand of vaccine. The person giving you your vaccination will tell you when you need to have the second vaccination. Medical experts have studied COVID-19 vaccines to make sure they are safe. Most side effects are mild. They may start on the day of vaccination and last for around 1-2 days. As with any vaccine or medicine, there may be rare and/or unknown side effects.

A very rare side effect of blood clotting has been reported in the 4-20 days after the first dose of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine. This is not seen after the second dose of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine or after any dose of Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine. For further information on the risk of this rare condition refer to the 'Information on COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca' fact sheet.

You can tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effects like a sore arm, headache, fever or any other side effect you are worried about. You may be contacted by SMS within the weeks after receiving the vaccine to see how you are feeling after vaccination.

Some people may still get COVID-19 after vaccination. So you must still follow public health precautions as required in your state or territory to stop the spread of COVID-19 including:

- keep your distance – stay at least 1.5 metres away from others
- washing your hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitiser
- wear a mask, if your state or territory has advised that you should
- stay home if you are unwell with cold or flu-like symptoms and arrange to get a COVID-19 test.

Vaccination providers record all vaccinations on the Australian Immunisation Register, as required by Australian law. You can view your vaccination record online through your:

- Medicare account
- MyGov account
- MyHealthRecord account.

COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent

Please tick which (if any) of the following apply to you:

- Do you have any serious allergies, particularly anaphylaxis, to anything?
- Have you had an allergic reaction after being vaccinated before?
- Do you have a mast cell disorder?
- Have you had COVID-19 before?
- Do you have a bleeding disorder?
- Do you take any medicine to thin your blood (an anticoagulant therapy)?
- Do you have a weakened immune system (immunocompromised)?
- Are you pregnant or do you think you might be pregnant?
- Have you been sick with a cough, sore throat, fever or are feeling sick in another way?
- Have you had a COVID-19 vaccination before?
- Have you received any other vaccination in the last 14 days?
- Have you had cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (a type of brain clot) in the past?
- Have you had heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (a rare reaction to heparin treatment) in the past?
- Are you under 50 years of age?

Consent to receive COVID-19 vaccine

- I confirm I have received and understood information provided to me on COVID-19 vaccination
- I confirm that none of the conditions above apply, or I have discussed these and/or any other special circumstances with my regular health care provider and/or vaccination service provider
- I agree to receive a course of COVID-19 vaccine (2 doses of the same vaccine)

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____