# Invitation to Receive a COVID-19 Vaccine

Information for people with underlying medical conditions and their carers

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Adults with specified underlying medical condition are eligible as part of phase 1b to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

The vaccine is **safe, effective and free**.

By getting vaccinated you are helping to **protect yourself and your family** from COVID-19.

- If you are aged **50 years and over**, you can access the AstraZeneca vaccine through a State vaccination clinic or your GP (see below).

- If you are **under 50 years of age**, you will be eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine from Monday 17 May 2021 by booking at a State vaccination clinic (see below).

## Eligibility

The list of specified underlying medical conditions are detailed here. Carers of an adult or child with a specified underlying medical condition are also eligible.

## How to book an appointment

Vaccination clinics are available across metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria. To check for your nearest vaccination site, please refer to this link.

| How to book | |
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| **State vaccination clinics** | Call the Victorian Coronavirus Hotline on **1800 675 398** Translators are available via the hotline – select option 0. |
| **GP clinics** | Anyone aged 50 years and over can receive your vaccine through a GP. Use the Australian Government's COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Checker to find a nearby GP clinic. |

## Preparing for vaccination

After you book your appointment, you will receive an email confirmation. Please read this email carefully as it has important instructions about what you need to do on the day of your vaccination.

**What to bring**

- Medicare card (if you have one)

- Photo ID that shows date of birth e.g. driver's licence

- Proof of eligibility (for people aged under 50 years only):

    a. a medical certificate from your GP or specialist stating you are eligible

b. Where this is not available, please complete the Commonwealth's [Eligibility Declaration Form](#)

- Proof of eligibility (carers only):

    a. Carers documentation or proof of occupation (ID card or letter from employer/centre-based support provider).

    b. Where none of these are available, including family members or others who provide significant care, individuals may complete an [Eligibility Declaration Form](#).

*You should wait at least 14 days after the flu vaccine to receive a dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.*

**More information**

For more information visit: [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine)

For additional information please refer to below links.

- [www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines](http://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines)
- [Information about COVID-19 vaccines in your language](#)
- [What should I do before I get vaccinated for COVID-19?](#)
- [What happens after I have my COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- [Consent form for COVID-19 vaccination](#)
- [Information on COVID-19 Pfizer (Comirnaty) vaccine](#)
- [Information on COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine](#)
- [Preparing for COVID-19 vaccination](#)
- [After your COVID-19 Pfizer (COMIRNATY) vaccination](#)
- [After your COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccination](#)

Kind Regards,

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