Vaccination centres

Below is a list of the state vaccination centres. To find the nearest vaccination centre to you, visit the coronavirus.vic.gov.au website.

- Alfred Hospital
- Ararat - East Grampians Health Service
- Austin Hospital (Olivia Newton-John Cancer Centre)
- Bairnsdale City Oval
- Ballan COVID-19 Vaccination Hub
- Ballarat Mercure Hotel and Convention Centre
- Beechworth Vaccination Hub
- Bendigo Health COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic
- Box Hill Town Hall
- Bright Vaccination Hub
- Broadmeadows Town Hall
- Campbellfield Ford Complex Drive-Through Vaccination Clinic
- Castlemaine Health
- Cobram NCN Health
- Corryong Vaccination Hub
- Cranbourne Turf Club
- Deer Park - IPC Health Deer Park
- Frankston Community Vaccination Hub – Bayside Centre
- Geelong - former Ford Factory

- Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital
- Horsham Community Clinic
- Kilmore District Health - Outpatients Building
- Kyabram District Health Service
- Leongatha Community Clinic
- Lilydale Community Clinic
- Mansfield District Hospital - Anderson Hall
- Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC)
- Melbourne Showgrounds
- Melton vaccination hub (drive-through)
- Melton vaccination hub (indoors)
- Mildura - Kiarivu Barracks
- Monash Medical Centre
- Mt Beauty Vaccination Hub
- Myrtleford Vaccination Hub
- Northern Hospital Epping
- Omeo Medical Centre
- Orbost Medical Centre
- Pakenham – James Bathe Community and Sports Hub
- Portland District Health

- Ringwood East Community Clinic (Braeside Avenue)
- Rosebud Hospital - Point Nepean Road
- Royal Exhibition Building
- Sale - Gippsland Regional Sports Complex
- Sandown Racecourse
- Sandown Racecourse Drive-Through Vaccination Clinic
- Sandringham Hospital
- Seymour Health
- Shepparton Showgrounds - McIntosh Centre
- South Morang - Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre
- St John of God - Berwick Hospital
- Sunshine Hospital
- Traralgon Racecourse
- Wangaratta Vaccination Hub
- Warragul - The Goods Shed
- Warrnambool - South West Healthcare Vaccination Centre
- Werribee Mercy Hospital
- West Melbourne - CoHealth West Melbourne

- Wodonga Vaccination Hub
- Wonthaggi Town Hall
- Wyndham Drive-Through Vaccination Clinic
- Wyndham Indoor Vaccination Centre - Eagle Stadium
- Yarram Medical Centre

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FAQs

When is the COVID-19 vaccine becoming available to students?

All students 12 years and over are now eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and are encouraged to book as soon as possible.

The Victorian Government's aim is to provide an opportunity for all children aged 12 years and older to receive at least one vaccine dose by the end of the school year.

Students, parents/guardians and carers are encouraged to book their vaccine at a vaccination centre using the online booking system or by calling the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398. You can also get a COVID-19 vaccine at a state vaccination centre, a Commonwealth vaccination centre, or through a GP clinic, pharmacy or community health service.

Can students aged 12 to 15 consent to their own appointment?

Students aged 12 to 15 can book their own appointment and may be able to consent to vaccination themselves if the health professional assesses them to be a mature minor. This means that the health professional assesses that they understand the information relevant to this decision to be vaccinated and the effect of that decision.

Where a student is not considered to be a mature minor by the health professional, the health professional will seek consent from the student's parent/carer.

Parents/carers can complete a consent form for COVID-19 vaccination for their child to bring to their appointment, or parents/carers can attend with their child to provide consent in person.

When can final year students get vaccinated?

To help support the safe conduct of end-of-year exams, there is a vaccination blitz for final year school students (all VCE Units 3 and 4 students, final year VCAL and IB students), their teachers and for exam supervisors and assessors.

The blitz will begin on 7 September and continue until 19 September. During the blitz, final year students, their teachers and exam supervisors and assessors will have access to priority timeslots to attend their vaccination appointment at a vaccination centre.

Final year students, their teachers and exam supervisors and assessors will also be able to book their first and second doses.

Secondary schools have received information on how eligible students can access a priority booking.

What is the Department of Education and Training's role regarding the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out?

The Department of Education and Training (DET) is strongly encouraging all Victorians aged 12 and older to get vaccinated.

Schools, parents and students are encouraged to refer to coronavirus.vic.gov.au or the Australian Government Department of Health for further information about the vaccine rollout.

What do you need to bring to a vaccination appointment?

Bring these things, if you have them:

- a face mask
- any emails about your vaccination appointment (on your phone or printed)
- photo identification, if you have one, such as a passport or driver's licence
- a Medicare number or Individual Healthcare Identifier number

For information refer to Before you get vaccinated for COVID-19.

FAQs continued

How do I find out where to go to get the vaccine?

Information on how to book a COVID-19 vaccine, and where vaccines are being administered, is available at: https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment.

You can also get a COVID-19 vaccine at a state vaccination centre, a Commonwealth vaccination centre, or through a GP clinic, pharmacy or community health service.

You can book your appointment online or by calling the vaccine provider nearest to you.

If I want to get vaccinated, when should I get the COVID-19 vaccine?

You are encouraged to book your vaccination appointment as soon as possible.

While senior secondary students are encouraged to get their first dose before the GAT on 5 October, it is recommended that students do not schedule their vaccination appointment on the day of the GAT, or any exam or the day before an exam. This is to avoid feeling common side effects such as tiredness, headache, muscle pain, fever and chills and / or joint pain during your exam.

Which vaccine will I be receiving?

Students aged 12 and over will be offered the Pfizer vaccination at their state vaccination centre appointment.

Any secondary student who is 18 or older and who has already received one dose of their AstraZeneca vaccine should continue to proceed with their second dose of AstraZeneca. This is consistent with current health advice.

I can't find any available appointments nearby, what do I do?

Information on how to book a COVID-19 vaccine, and where vaccines are being administered, is available at: https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment.

Students and parents may also call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398. Please be patient as there may be wait times for appointments. Final year students can book their first and second doses via a dedicated appointment booking hotline as part of the vaccination blitz until 19 September.

Secondary schools have received information on how eligible students can access a priority booking.

How should parents and teachers help support students for vaccination bookings?

Schools are asked to share information about eligibility and access to students, parents, guardians and carers.

Parents, guardians and teachers are encouraged to help support students and especially final year students to make their vaccination appointment for as soon as possible. Once an appointment has been made and if this is to occur during school hours, they should discuss and plan their expected absence and impact on learning requirements.

Schools should exercise maximum flexibility to enable all eligible students to book and then attend their vaccine appointments.

Students can book their own appointment and consent to vaccination themselves if the health professional assesses them to be a mature minor.

Can I make an appointment to be vaccinated during school hours?

Final year secondary students are asked to make an appointment as soon as possible.

Secondary students aged 12 and above are encouraged to make appointments at times that minimise disruption to their learning where possible.

Prior to their appointment students should discuss absence with teachers and parents/ guardians and carers.

Is the vaccine mandatory?

No. Vaccination for COVID-19 is voluntary for students aged 12 and above, however it is strongly encouraged. Vaccinations for final years students will assist in giving VCE students more certainty around sitting their end-of-year exams.

Can my school force me to be vaccinated?

No. The vaccines are voluntary for the general community, which includes students and you can choose if you want to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The more students who are vaccinated, the more protected our community and schools will be.

Can I take time off after the vaccine if I'm feeling unwell?

Students should discuss their health if they are feeling unwell with parents/ guardian and carers and plan absence from school with their teachers where appropriate.

The Victorian Department of Health advises that like all vaccinations, COVID-19 vaccines can have side effects. For more information on the potential side effects of COVID-19 vaccination, visit the Department of Health website.

Is the vaccine safe? I am concerned about the vaccine and its possible side effects.

Please refer to the Department of Health website for information on vaccine safety and possible side effects.

I have just had my flu vaccine, or am planning to have my flu vaccine, can I still have the COVID-19 vaccine?

It is recommended to leave a period of 7 days between receiving the flu vaccine and the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccination planning can be discussed with your immunisation provider. For more information please refer to the Department of Health website.

My disability/medical condition affects my ability to physically access the vaccine. Are there other options?

Students should speak to their doctor if they have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and their health.

Information on how to book a COVID-19 vaccine, and where vaccines are being administered, is available at the Department of Health website. You may also call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398 to discuss any additional requirements you may have.

The Disability Liaison Officer (DLO) program aims to help more people with disability access health services, including:

- COVID-19 testing
- COVID-19 vaccination
- advice and prevention through linking people to other health supports.

Where can I find more information about the COVID-19 vaccine?

Information about COVID-19 vaccines can be found on the Australian Government Department of Health website and the coronavirus.vic.gov.au website.

You may also refer to Information for education staff receiving a COVID-19 vaccine | Coronavirus Victoria.

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