



# COVID-19 vaccination – factsheet for parents

By getting vaccinated you are helping to keep yourself, your family and your community safe

## People aged 12 and over can get vaccinated

Schools are hosting temporary 'pop-up' COVID-19 vaccination clinics, where the local community, including students and staff, can get vaccinated.

Every person aged 12 years and over is eligible to get vaccinated.

Medical staff and experienced immunisers will administer the vaccines.

When coming to get vaccinated, bring identification such as a Medicare card or Individual Health Identifier (IHI). You will still be able to get vaccinated if you are not able to bring identification.

## Vaccinations help protect your family and friends

Younger people are also at risk of getting COVID-19, and can infect older people who are more vulnerable, such as parents or grandparents.

## How to get vaccinated

You can just turn up to get vaccinated. You do not have to make a booking.

## Other places you can get vaccinated

You can also access COVID-19 vaccines from:

- one of more than 60 state-run vaccination centres. For locations and to make a booking, visit: [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-centres](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-centres)
- participating doctors, pharmacies, and community health services. For details and bookings, visit [covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au](https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au).

## The vaccine is safe for young people

The vaccine is safe, free and voluntary. In rare cases, side effects may occur, but these are generally mild and last only for a day or two. Students will be supervised by a medical professional for 15 minutes after they are vaccinated, to make sure they are ok.

If anybody continues to feel unwell after they get vaccinated, they should contact their doctor immediately.

Note, there is no evidence that shows getting the COVID-19 vaccine impacts a person's fertility.

The Victorian Government Coronavirus website has more information about possible side effects from COVID-19 vaccines: [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/cardiac-side-effects-and-covid-19](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/cardiac-side-effects-and-covid-19)

## Providing consent for vaccination

For people aged 12-17 years, consent may be given in a number of ways:

- A parent or guardian can attend the vaccine appointment with the young person and provide consent for them (note: only one parent or guardian may attend with the young person).
- A young person may attend a vaccination centre with a consent form signed by a parent or guardian.
- A young person may provide their own consent, if a senior and experienced immuniser assesses that they are a mature minor who can make the decision.

## We encourage students to get vaccinated

Getting vaccinated is voluntary. Students are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated, as this will help keep them, their families, and their communities safe.

## There are times someone cannot get vaccinated

Remember, if someone is feeling even a little unwell, they should not attend a vaccination appointment. They should [get tested](#) and stay home until they get a negative result.

A person cannot attend a vaccine appointment if they are isolating due to visiting an exposure site, are a close contact of somebody who has COVID-19, or if they have COVID-19.

## COVID-19 vaccination information in my language

The Victorian Government's coronavirus website has information about COVID-19 vaccines in a number of community languages. You can find translated information at: [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-covid-19-vaccines](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-covid-19-vaccines)

## More information

For more information, including current public health restrictions and the latest exposure sites, visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

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