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COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE

Please help us by sharing this information and resources with your community.

Phase 1b starts today

[Phase 1b](#) of the COVID-19 vaccination program commenced today. Eligible groups in 1b include:

- all remaining health care workers
- adults over 70
- critical and high-risk workers
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults over 55
- people with a specified underlying medical condition.

The [South Australian Phase 1b rollout plan](#) outlines these groups and where they can get vaccinated.

South Australians can check their eligibility and locate a vaccination provider by using the Commonwealth Government [vaccine eligibility checker](#).

We are asking the community to be patient as vaccination appointments may be limited until more GPs come online and prepare their clinics.

Those from phase 1a are still able to get their COVID-19 vaccination at any time. It is important to get both doses of vaccine to ensure that you receive the best protection.

SA Health online presentation about COVID-19 vaccines

Last Monday SA Health held an online presentation for multicultural community leaders. For those who were unable to attend, we have recorded the presentation, which you can access by [clicking here](#).



AstraZeneca vaccine update

Last week European countries that paused AstraZeneca vaccinations have announced they will be using the vaccine again after Europe's drug regulator said the vaccine is not linked to an overall increased risk of blood clots, and that the benefits of use outweighed the risks.

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) also said it had found no quality or batch issues with the AstraZeneca vaccine.

The Australian Government and SA Health remain confident in continuing to use the Pfizer and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines to protect the South Australian community.

Millions of people worldwide have received the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines. Both have proven to be very effective in protecting people from serious disease and death caused by COVID-19.

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