

# COVID-19 Vaccination Program

## VACCINE INFORMATION

**This leaflet is a medical record and contains important information.  
Please keep it in a safe place for future reference.**

Before a vaccine or any medication can be used in Australia, it is extensively assessed for safety, quality and effectiveness and must be licensed by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). The COVID-19 vaccines licensed for use in Australia are generally very safe, but like any medication they can have some side effects that are usually short lasting and do not require special treatment. As with any vaccine or medicine, there may be rare, unknown side effects.

The aim of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program is to deliver safe and effective vaccines to all Australians. Vaccination with the COVID-19 vaccine will help to protect from infection from COVID-19 and assist in reducing the chance of suffering from serious illness or life threatening complications from COVID-19 disease. To get the full benefit of the vaccine, two doses are required. Some people may still get COVID-19 disease despite being vaccinated. Even after completing vaccination, you must still follow current public health recommendations.

AusVaxSafety is the national system for monitoring vaccine safety in Australia. As part of active vaccine safety surveillance, some individuals vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine may receive an SMS or email message from AusVaxSafety. They may also receive follow up from SA Health.

The common reactions to COVID-19 vaccines are listed over the page. If a reaction seems severe or persists for more than 3 or 4 days, you develop new or unexpected symptoms, or you are concerned, seek medical attention. For further advice you can also contact your immunisation provider or the SA Health COVID-19 Clinical Advisory Service.

As with any vaccine or medicine, very rarely a severe allergic reaction may occur. If it does, it will generally occur within 15 minutes of the vaccination. All serious or unexpected reactions should be reported to the SA Health COVID-19 Clinical Advisory Service. Reports can also be made directly online through the "Vaccine safety" page by visiting [sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation](https://sahealth.sa.gov.au/immunisation). All received reports are assessed and the COVID-19 Clinical Advisory Service can discuss any concerns and provide advice on future vaccination.

**The COVID-19 Clinical Advisory Service, SA Health, can be contacted  
Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm on 1300 232 272.**

**For advice outside of these hours, please visit [healthdirect.gov.au](https://healthdirect.gov.au)**

**Alternatively, you can report a reaction to your immunisation provider.**

### **Further information is available at:**

SA Health information for consumers – [covidvaccine.sa.gov.au](https://covidvaccine.sa.gov.au)

SA COVID-19 Information Line – **1800 253 787**

SA Health information for clinicians – [sahealth.sa.gov.au/covidvaccineclinical](https://sahealth.sa.gov.au/covidvaccineclinical)

Australian Government Department of Health – [health.gov.au](https://health.gov.au)

National Coronavirus Helpline – **1800 020 080**

First name..... Last name.....

Date of birth ...../...../.....

**AstraZeneca**

Batch number: Serial number:  Dose 1  LA  RA Date: Time:  
 .....  Dose 2  LA  RA Date: Time:

**Pfizer/BioNTech Comirnaty™**

Batch number: Serial number:  Dose 1  LA  RA Date: Time:  
 .....  Dose 2  LA  RA Date: Time:

**Novavax**

Batch number: Serial number:  Dose 1  LA  RA Date: Time:  
 .....  Dose 2  LA  RA Date: Time:

**Other**

Batch number: Serial number:  Dose 1  LA  RA Date: Time:  
 .....  Dose 2  LA  RA Date: Time:

Print name of immuniser and designation

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Signature.....

Organisation.....

**Common vaccine reactions include:**

- injection site pain, redness, swelling
- fatigue/feeling tired
- headache
- fever
- muscle or joint pain
- mild flu like symptoms or chills

**Management of common reactions:**

- Paracetamol if required, use according to instructions on the packet
- A cool pack to the injection site may help relieve discomfort
- Increase fluids
- Anyone who feels giddy or light headed before or after vaccination should lie down until free of symptoms

**People who have typical vaccine side effects within the first 48 hours after vaccination with a complete absence of any respiratory symptoms may not need to get a COVID-19 test or isolate. People with respiratory symptoms should be tested for SARS-CoV-2. Vaccination will not affect testing.**