



Australian Government

COVID-19 VACCINATION

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Disability provider alert

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COVID-19 Vaccination Program

For the next 12 months, COVID-19 vaccines will continue to be principally administered by health professionals in primary care settings (GP, Community Pharmacy, and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services) with targeted in-reach support for those unable to engage with traditional primary care or attend primary care settings.

The Vaccine Administration Partners Program (VAPP) will continue to operate as a whole-of-government panel available to Commonwealth, state, territory and local governments and private businesses and other enterprises to deliver COVID-19 vaccinations. The VAPP will be a last resort option to meet any shortfall in primary care availability that is otherwise unable to be filled to administer vaccinations for priority populations, including residents in disability accommodation settings.

Further information can be found at - [A national COVID-19 health management plan for 2023 | Health Portfolio Ministers and Aged Care](#)

Department of Health and Aged Care: holiday shutdown

The Department will be closed between 24 December 2022 and 2 January 2023 inclusive. During this time the National COVID Vaccine Taskforce Disability Rollout team will not monitor emails to DisabilityCovidVaccineDelivery@Health.gov.au.

Find general COVID information on the Department's [website](#) or call the National Coronavirus helpline (details below), which will remain available during the Christmas period.

Support for people with disability, providers, carers and families

Disability Gateway on **1800 643 787** - open from 8 am to 8 pm, Monday to Friday.

Department of Health and Aged Care website at www.health.gov.au

National Coronavirus and COVID-19 Vaccine Helpline on **1800 020 080**. People with disability, their families and carers should choose Option 5, disability workers should choose Option 4.

For information in a language other than English, choose Option 8. This is a free service.

The Translating and Interpreting Service is also available on **131 450**.

For people who are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, call the National Relay Service on **133 677**.

Don't miss the latest news and updates about COVID-19 and other health matters – follow [the Department of Health and Aged Care on Facebook](#).