



Australian Government



COVID-19 vaccination recommended for some children aged 6 months to 4 years

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Australia's immunisation experts, the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation, recommend COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 6 months to 4 years with severe immunocompromise, disability, and those who have complex and/or multiple health conditions that increase their risk of severe COVID-19.

These include children with the following or similar conditions:

- Severe primary or secondary immunodeficiency, including those undergoing treatment for cancer, or on immunosuppressive treatments;
- Bone marrow or stem cell transplant, or chimeric antigen T-cell (CAR-T) therapy;
- Complex congenital cardiac disease;
- Structural airway anomalies or chronic lung disease;
- Type 1 diabetes mellitus;
- Chronic neurological or neuromuscular conditions; or
- A disability with significant or complex health needs, or multiple comorbidities, that increase the risk of severe COVID-19 (such as severe cerebral palsy or Down syndrome).

These children have an increased risk of getting very sick from COVID-19. Vaccination against COVID-19 will help reduce this risk.

Children aged 6 months to 4 years who are not listed in the eligible categories have a very low risk of developing severe illness from COVID-19. They are **not** recommended to receive a COVID-19 vaccine at this time.

Which vaccine will children aged 6 months to 4 years receive?

The children's Moderna COVID-19 vaccine (Spikevax) and the children's Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine (Comirnaty) have been approved for some children aged 6 months to 4 years.

Children should receive the same brand of vaccine for their primary doses. For the Pfizer vaccine, this is 3 doses, given 8 weeks apart. For the Moderna vaccine, this is 2 doses, given 8 weeks apart.

Some children with severe immunocompromise may need 3 primary doses of the Moderna vaccine.

Will my child need a booster dose?

COVID-19 vaccine booster doses are not recommended for children aged 6 months to 4 years.

Some children aged 5 years and older with risk factors for severe COVID-19 are recommended to receive a booster dose 3 months after their last dose. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is the only COVID-19 vaccine approved for use as a booster dose in children aged 5 years to 15 years.

COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) recommends that children aged 6 months to 4 years should wait 7 to 14 days between their COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines, to minimise the risk of side effects such as fever. However, the COVID-19 vaccine can be given at the same time as other vaccines if it would be challenging to give at separate times, such as with outreach programs to remote areas.

If your child has had COVID-19

Your child should wait 3 months after testing positive to COVID-19 before they have a COVID-19 vaccine. If your child is eligible for vaccination, the next scheduled COVID-19 vaccination should be given as soon as possible after 3 months. Your child should still have all the doses recommended for them.

When can I book an appointment for my child to receive a vaccine?

Bookings are now open for eligible children in this age group through the the Vaccine Clinic Finder: <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking/>

Check back regularly, as immunisation providers will continue to add new appointments.

More information



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