



# Things to know about the COVID-19 vaccine



This is a fact sheet to answer questions about the **COVID-19 vaccine**.



The **COVID-19 vaccine** is a medicine that can help stop you from getting very sick from COVID-19.



You can ask someone for help to read this fact sheet.



This could be a

- Family member
- Friend
- Support worker.

# Do you have to pay money to get the COVID-19 vaccine?



The COVID-19 vaccine is free.

# What type of COVID-19 vaccine will you get



There are different types of COVID-19 vaccines.



You will get the COVID-19 vaccine that is best for you.



The doctor or pharmacist will say what COVID-19 vaccine is best for

- Your age
- Any health issue you might have.



They will also tell you which vaccine they have that is ready to use.

# Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe?



There is a group of people in Australia that knows a lot about health and vaccines.



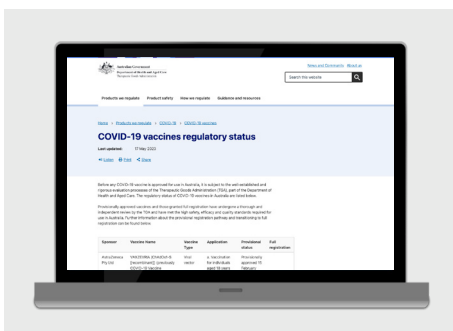
They are called the **Therapeutic Goods Administration**.

We say **TGA** for short.



In Australia the TGA checks all vaccines before they can be used to make sure they

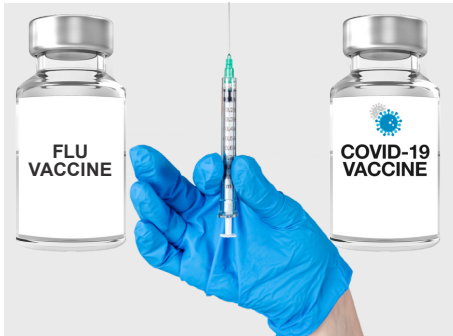
- Are safe
- Work well.



To find out more about what is in the COVID-19 vaccines go the TGA website

**[www.bit.ly/tga-covid-19-vaccines](http://www.bit.ly/tga-covid-19-vaccines)**

## Should you also get the flu vaccine?



You can get your flu vaccine and your COVID-19 vaccine at the same time.



You can also have them at different times.

# Who will know you had the COVID-19 vaccine?



In Australia the law says the government must keep information about who gets a vaccine.



That is why the person who gives you the vaccine will ask some questions about you.



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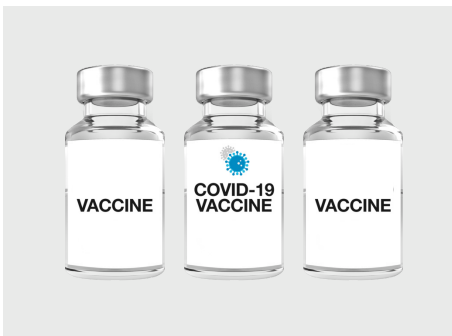
- Your name
- Your address
- Your health issues.



The government keeps all this information in the **Australian Immunisation Register**.



You can see what information the government has about you on your **vaccination record**.



Your **vaccination record** shows all the vaccines you ever got.



You can see your vaccination record in these places

- Your Medicare account
- Your MyGov account
- Your MyHealthRecord account.

## More information

For more information about COVID-19



- Call the **Disability Gateway**

The number is **1800 643 787**

The website is

**[www.disabilitygateway.gov.au](http://www.disabilitygateway.gov.au)**

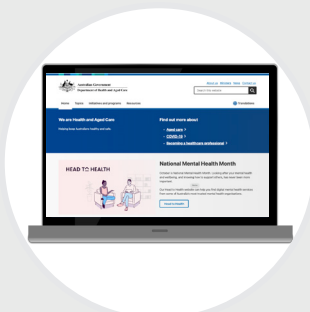


- Call the **National Coronavirus Helpline**

The number is **1800 020 080**.

Choose number 5 for information in English.

Choose number 8 for free information in other languages.



- Go to the **Department of Health and Aged Care** website

The website is **[www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)**





You can call the **Translating and Interpreting Service** for information in your language.

The number is **131 450**.



You can call the **National Relay Service** if you

- Are deaf



- Find it hard to hear people over the phone.



The number is **1800 555 660**.

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