

Stay protected with a COVID-19 booster



Why get a booster?

COVID-19 is still in the community and can be dangerous for some people with disability. The protection given by vaccination also decreases over time.

The additional protection from a booster will lower your chances of getting severe COVID-19 and help keep you safe in the community.

A COVID vaccine will give you the best protection against severe disease from COVID-19.



Who can get a COVID vaccine?

If you are over 18 and have disability with significant or complex needs, you are recommended to have at least one booster in 2023.

If you have already had a booster in 2023, you should get another one if you are 75 years or over and it has been 6 months since your last dose.

If you have severe immunocompromise or are 65 years or over, speak with your healthcare provider to discuss if you should get an additional booster.

If you need help deciding if you should get a booster, talk to your doctor, pharmacist, NDIS provider or Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service.

ATAGI advice can be found at:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/atagi-update-on-the-covid-19-vaccination-program>



If you need assistance in a language other than English, call the **Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450** to be connected to an interpreter.

If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, you can call the **National Relay Service on 133 677**.

It is safe to get your COVID-19 and annual flu vaccines at the same time.



How to book a booster

1. Book at a vaccination clinic near you with the Health Direct

Service Finder:

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services>.

2. **SMS "Hey EVA" to 0481 611 382** and a trained call agent from the National Coronavirus Helpline will call you to help you make a booking.

If you can't travel to a vaccination clinic, you can get a GP or pharmacist to vaccinate you at home. Primary Health Networks can help find a provider.

Do you live in residential disability accommodation?

Talk to your NDIS service provider or contact your local Primary Health Network (PHN) for help finding your closest vaccination provider.

Need more help?

Disability Gateway Helpline on 1800 643 787
(open from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday)

National Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 020 080

Option 3: People with disability, their families and carers.

Option 8: Assistance in a language other than English.