Recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses[[1]](#footnote-2)

Primary course for COVID-19 doses by age group and risk status[[2]](#footnote-3)

# 6 months to 5 years

Without risk factors – **Not eligible** for vaccination.

With risk factors – **Eligible** for 2 primary doses and **eligible** for a 3rd primary dose[[3]](#footnote-4).

With severe immunocompromise – **Recommended** 2 Primary doses and **eligible** for a third primary dose4.

# 5 years to 18 years

Without risk factors – **Not eligible** for vaccination.

With risk factors – **Eligible** for a single primary dose3.

With severe immunocompromise – **Recommended** 2 Primary doses and **eligible** for a third primary dose4.

# 18 years and older

Without risk factors – **Recommended** a single primary dose.

With risk factors – **Recommended** a single primary dose.

With severe immunocompromise – **Recommended** 2 Primary doses and **eligible** for a third primary dose[[4]](#footnote-5).

Information current as of August 2024.

Recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses[[5]](#footnote-6)

COVID-19 booster dose recommendations

# Below 5 years

* Vaccination **not** **recommended.**

# 5 years to 17 years

Without severe immunocompromise – Vaccination **not recommended**.

With severe immunocompromise – **Eligible** for a dose every 12 months[[6]](#footnote-7).

# 18 years to 64 years

Without severe immunocompromise – **Eligible** for a dose every 12 months2.

With severe immunocompromise – one dose every 12 months is **recommended** and **eligible** for a dose every 6 **months[[7]](#footnote-8).**

# 65 years to 74 years

One dose every 12 months is **recommended** and **eligible** for a dose every 6months[[8]](#footnote-9).

# 75 years and older

One dose every 6 months is **recommended.**

Information current as of August 2024

1. Monovalent Omicron XBB.1.5 vaccines are preferred. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Includes those with conditions that increases the risk of severe COVID-19 illness (refer to [Australian Immunisation Handbook](https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/vaccine-preventable-diseases/covid-19#recommendations)). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Consider dose based on an individual risk benefit assessment with an immunisation provider.  [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. People with severe immunocompromise, who are over 6 months of age, are recommended 2 primary doses and are eligible for a 3rd primary dose based on an individual risk-benefit assessment. Refer to the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/vaccine-preventable-diseases/covid-19#recommendations) for further information. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Monovalent Omicron XBB.1.5 vaccines are preferred. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. Consider dose based on an individual risk benefit assessment with an immunisation provider.  [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. People with severe immunocompromise, who are aged between 18 to 64 years, are recommended a dose every 12 months and are eligible for a dose every 6 months based on an individual risk-benefit assessment. Refer to the [Australian Immunisation handbook](https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/vaccine-preventable-diseases/covid-19#recommendations) for further information. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. People aged between 65 and 74 years are recommended a dose every 12 months and are eligible for a dose every 6 months based on an individual risk-benefit assessment. Refer to the [Australian Immunisation handbook](https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/vaccine-preventable-diseases/covid-19#recommendations) for further information. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)