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Phase 1a – up to 1.4m doses
- Quarantine and border workers: 70,000
- Frontline health care worker sub-groups for prioritisation: 100,000
- Aged care and disability care staff: 318,000
- Aged care and disability care residents: 190,000
Total: 678,000

Phase 1b – up to 14.8m doses
- Elderly adults aged 80 years and over: 1,045,000
- Elderly adults aged 70-79 years: 1,858,000
- Other health care workers: 953,000
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people > 55: 87,000
- Younger adults with an underlying medical condition, including those with a disability: 2,000,000
- Critical and high risk workers including defence, police, fire, emergency services and meat processing: 196,000
Total: 6,139,000

Phase 2a – up to 15.8m doses
- Adults aged 60-69 years: 2,650,000
- Adults aged 50-59 years: 3,080,000
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 18-54: 387,000
- Other critical and high risk workers: 453,000
Total: 6,570,000

Phase 2b – up to 16m doses
- Balance of adult population: 6,643,000
- Catch up any unvaccinated Australians from previous phases: 5,670,000

Phase 3 – up to 13.6m doses
- < 18 if recommended: 5,670,000

Population numbers are current estimates for each category.
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First priority populations

The Australian COVID-19 vaccination program will commence with priority populations including aged care and disability care residents and workers, frontline healthcare workers and quarantine and border workers.

Vaccine doses will be available through 30 - 50 hospital sites across Australia - in metro and regional areas (pending advice from states and territories) plus in residential aged care and disability care facilities.

Residential Disability and Aged Care Facilities

1. Communications to facilities to advise of priority groups, locations and roll-out plans
2. Patient consent coordinated by contracted workforce in consultation with facility
3. Vaccination date(s) communicated
4. Vaccination doses received

Residential aged care and disability care workers

1. Communications to facility staff to advise of priority groups, locations and roll-out plans
2. Coordinate schedule of first and second doses by facility
3. Facilities to provide readiness checklist including staff numbers on vaccination date(s) to inform dose requirements
4. Vaccination date(s) communicated
5. Vaccination doses received

Vaccination Hubs

Doses quarantined in Hub based on readiness checklist information by facilities and picked up by contracted workforce on scheduled date(s) for vaccination day.

Day of vaccination - First dose

Patient screening → Vaccination dose given → Follow up information provided → Vaccination record entered into AIR (and relevant systems) → Post vaccination monitoring

Reminder of second dose - scheduled date(s) and location

Second dose

Repeat steps for first dose process

Priority frontline healthcare workers

1. Communications through states and territories and peak bodies to advise of priority groups, locations and roll-out plans
2. Vaccination date(s) scheduled and communicated to individual
3. Schedule and doses coordinated within State Governments to align with shifts and rosters
4. Vaccination doses received as per steps outlined below - proof of eligibility, consent and clinical screening conducted on check-in at vaccination Hub

Priority quarantine and border workers

1. Communications to advise of priority groups, locations and roll-out plans
2. Scheduling coordinated through State Government and communicated to individual
3. Individual attends Hub for vaccination at advised time by employer if applicable
4. Vaccination doses received as per steps outlined below - proof of eligibility, consent and clinical screening conducted on check-in at vaccination Hub

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Pfizer Hubs

• 30-50 ongoing hospital hubs in urban and rural Australia
• Hub locations to be finalised in conjunction with States and Territories
• Will manage cold chain storage and administer Pfizer vaccine only
• Will provide a distribution hub for roll-out to:
  - Frontline healthcare workers
  - Quarantine and border staff
  - Residential aged care and disability residents and staff
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Locations to be confirmed pending advice from States and Territories and expanding to more than 1000 points of distribution nationwide.