



Australian Government



# What to expect on COVID-19 vaccination day at your disability residential accommodation

## Information for people with disability, families and carers.

All Australians will be offered the COVID-19 vaccine by the end of the year.

The COVID-19 vaccine is a safe way to protect you, your family and the community.

The COVID-19 vaccination is free. You can choose whether to have the vaccination or not.

You and your support workers will be some of the first people to get the COVID-19 vaccine in Australia if:

- you are a person with disability living in disability residential accommodation, and
- you are living with two or more other people with disability.

This is part of the first phase (Phase 1a) of Australia's COVID-19 vaccine national roll-out strategy.

You will get the vaccine in your home. Your support provider will let you know when your vaccination day will be.

Here is some information for you, your family and carers about what you need to do before you have the vaccine. This information will also tell you what to expect on the day of the vaccine.

You can go to the Department of Health's [Information for people with disability about COVID-19 vaccines](#) webpage for more information about the vaccine.



## **Before vaccination day**

Everything will be organised for you so you can have your vaccine at your home. This will include for the other people who live with you.

Your support provider will talk with the people who will give you the vaccine to make sure everything goes well on your vaccination day. These people are experienced in giving vaccinations.

Before you have the vaccine, you, or the person who usually makes decisions for you, will need to decide whether you want the vaccine. Your support provider will give you information or talk to you about what the vaccine is for and why you may want to have it.

If you want more information you may want to talk to your doctor or someone else so you know whether you can have the vaccine.

Your support provider may ask you to talk to your doctor about the vaccine to make sure you can have it. If you say yes to having the vaccine, everything will be organised for you.

## **On vaccination day**

If you say yes to having the vaccine, your support provider will check that you are well enough on the day to have the vaccine.

If you are unwell you can have the vaccine on another day with your doctor or at another place that can give the vaccine.

If you would like a support person when you get the vaccine, a family member or carer can be with you. The support workers who are with you on the day you have your vaccine will be there to help.

If you feel unwell after having the vaccine, your support provider or support workers will help you make a decision about what to do. Make sure you tell someone if you are feeling unwell.

## **Need to know more information?**

You can call the National Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 020 080, and ask for an interpreter if needed.