



Australian Government



Disability Provider Alert

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Verifying data about residential disability accommodation sites

On behalf of the Department of Health, Healthdirect will be contacting disability providers in the coming weeks to verify data about your residential disability accommodation sites.

This data verification process remains critical to ensure people with disability can be offered the vaccines at the earliest opportunity and to avoid any impact on the timing for vaccinations to be administered at your sites.

Disability Workers included in Phase 1b

Disability Workers have been identified as a priority group for COVID-19 Vaccination Program Phase 1b. More information on all Phase 1b priority groups will be provided in the next Provider Alert.

Disability Provider webpage

A [Disability Provider webpage](#) on the Department of Health website is now available and contains information and resources to help disability service providers plan for the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out.

It is important to bookmark this page as we will continue to update this page with new information as it becomes available.

Disability Provider COVID-19 Vaccine Readiness Toolkit now available

The COVID-19 vaccine disability service provider readiness toolkit is a collection of resources designed to assist disability service providers with the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines. It includes:

- Information on what to expect on COVID-19 vaccination day at your disability residential accommodation (information for people with disability, families and carers)
- Checklist for planning and delivering vaccinations
- Information on roles and responsibilities for COVID-19 vaccination at disability residential accommodation sites
- Information on site readiness requirements for vaccination sites
- Consent guidance material
- Information on how vaccine providers should allocate excess doses of COVID-19 vaccines
- Information on monitoring and reporting side effects

The tool kit is available on the [Disability Provider Webpage](#)

Phase 1a Disability Sector Webinar

If you were unable to watch the webinar of 4 March 2021, it has now been published on the [Department of Health's website](#).

Australian Defence Forces support the vaccine rollout

Over 14,000 Defence personnel, through Operation COVID-19 ASSIST, have already supported the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including contact tracing, emergency clinical support, border control measures, swab testing, and support to hotel quarantine. As part of the continued expansion of the phase 1a COVID-19 vaccine rollout, the Australian Defence Force (ADF) will provide supplementary support to the rollout of vaccines to Australians in aged care and disability residential accommodation.

Restrictive practices

The NDIS Commission have published a Fact Sheet that contains [useful information on restrictive practices](#), including state and territory requirements for the authorisation of restrictive practices.

More information

Australian Government, along with state and territory government, helplines have information on how people with disability can access the vaccine when it becomes available.

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

Visit the Department of Health's [Information for people with disability about COVID-19 vaccines webpage](#). This page will be updated regularly.

Visit the [Safe Work Australia website](#) to find Work Health, and Safety contact information in your jurisdiction.