



# Excess dose policy

## Guidance on Disability Residential Accommodation roll-out

### Phase 1a

Vaccine Administration Service (VAS) providers will get an allocation of doses for each Disability Residential Accommodation site with two or more people with disability. On vaccination day, VAS providers will prioritise people with disability who have provided advance consent and disability workers on site at the time of vaccination. Operationally, VAS providers will have sufficient doses for all people with disability living at each Disability Residential Accommodation site and on-site disability workers who have given prior consent for vaccination.

### Excess doses / vials

Once people with disability and disability workers with prior consent have received their vaccine, there may be excess doses. VAS providers should allocate excess doses based on the prioritisation principles below:

1. any people with disability from the Disability Residential Accommodation site who:
  - did not intend on participating, but have changed their mind and wish to get a vaccination, and
  - who have provided consent
2. any people with disability who can provide consent on the day and be physically present on the day of second doses, including:
  - those living on their own,
  - in respite, or
  - short term accommodation at the site
3. workers at the Residential Disability Accommodation site who were not accounted for in the scheduling of the in-reach visit.
4. Essential Care Persons who are present to support people with disability on the day of vaccine and can give informed consent. For example family members or carers.
5. other workers of the disability service provider linked to the Disability Residential Accommodation site
6. VAS provider staff
7. residential aged care workers.

VAS providers are responsible for following up any worker or essential care person present at the site on the designated second dose day. Where there is risk that the individual will not get their second dose, then wastage should not be prioritised above this. The VAS provider should direct the individual to the following for a second dose:

- a Pfizer hub
- state vaccination clinic
- GPRC, or
- GP .

The VAS provider can use its discretion to determine who receives excess doses, in line with these principles and practicalities of administration. Anyone receiving an excess dose must comply with consent and clinical screening requirements. They must also provide the details required to record the immunisation in the Australian Immunisation Register.

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