# On your vaccination day

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| What will happen at your vaccination? | |
|  | You can bring someone you trust with you to your COVID-19 vaccination, such as a:   * family member * friend * support worker or carer. |
|  | The person doing your vaccination will ask you some questions before they start. |
|  | After they talk to you, they will give you your vaccination.  The person giving you your vaccination has been trained. They know how to give you your COVID-19 vaccination the right way. |
|  | They will:   * choose where to put the vaccine – usually into your upper arm * inject the COVID-19 vaccine with a needle |
|  | * ask you to wait between 15 to 30 minutes before you leave to make sure you are okay. |
| What questions will they ask you? | |
|  | The person giving you the vaccination must ask you some questions before they start.  They may ask you the following questions: |
|  | Do you have any **allergies**?  An allergy is when your body reacts to something, such as food or medicine. This is called an allergic reaction.  **Do you have anaphylaxis**?  Anaphylaxis is a very serious allergic reaction.  Do you have an EpiPen? |
|  | Has your body reacted to a vaccine before?  Have you had COVID-19 before? |
|  | Do you have a **bleeding disorder**?  A bleeding disorder is a health problem that affects your blood.  Do you take any medicine to thin your blood? |
|  | Are you **immunocompromised**?  If you are immunocompromised, it is harder for your body to fight:   * infections * other diseases. |
|  | You might be immunocompromised if you:   * have a health problem * are taking a certain medication.   You must tell the person doing your vaccination if you are taking any medications. |
|  | Are you pregnant?  Do you think you might be pregnant?  Are you trying to get pregnant?  Are you breastfeeding? |
|  | Have you had any symptoms of COVID-19 recently? Such as:   * a cough? * a sore throat? * a fever? |
|  | Have you been feeling tired?  Have you been finding it hard to breathe? |
|  | Have you had a COVID-19 vaccination before?  If you have had a COVID-19 vaccination before, they will ask you which vaccine you had.  Have you had any other vaccinations in the last 7 days? |
| Graphical user interface  Description automatically generated | Are you aged 60 years or over? |
|  | Do you have a serious condition that causes **blood clots**?  When blood gets thick and sticks together, we call it a blood clot.  There are safe blood clots, like when you get a small cut and it stops bleeding.  But there are also blood clots that are not safe.  Some conditions can cause blood clots that are not safe. |
| What else will they talk to you about? | |
|  | They will also ask you if you give your **consent** to have:   * the COVID-19 vaccination today * a second dose of the vaccine later. |
|  | When you give your consent, you say it is ok for someone to do something.  You can choose to have the vaccination. |
|  | But you don’t have to have it if you don’t want to. |
| Information you need to bring | |
|  | The person doing your vaccination will collect some information about you.  They need to keep a record of:   * who has had the vaccine * how many doses you have had. |
|  | They need to know your:   * name * date of birth * home address * phone number * email address * **gender** |
|  | They will also ask if you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. |
| Your second appointment | |
|  | The person doing your vaccination will tell you when you need to have your second dose of the vaccine. |
|  | Australia’s COVD-19 vaccines need 2 doses to work in the right way.  You need to have the same vaccine both times. |
|  | The vaccines take 1-2 weeks after your second dose to work properly against COVID-19. |
| More information | |
|  | You can visit the Department of Health website at[www.health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines-languages](http://www.health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines-languages)for more information about the vaccine in your language. |
|  | You can call the National Coronavirus Helpline  on **1800 020 080.**  If you need information in a language other than English, call the Translating and Interpreting Service on **131 450.** |