

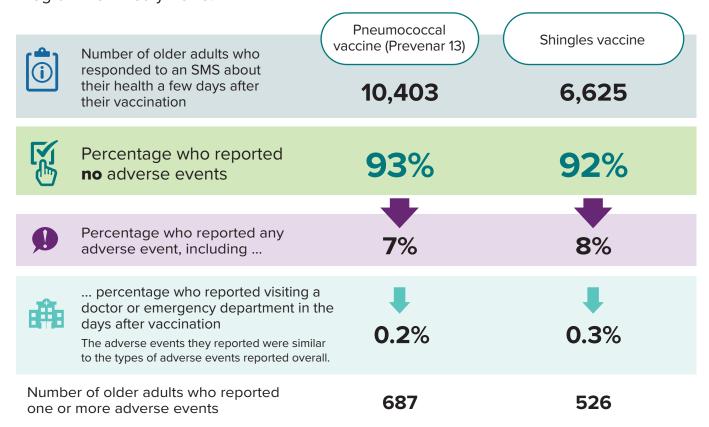


Older adults SCHEDULE POINT

A joint Australian, State and Territory Government Initiative

Vaccine safety in Australia 2020

We actively monitor immunisation safety in Australia. Older adults receive vaccines for pneumococcal disease and shingles, either together or at separate times. Prevenar 13 replaced Pneumovax 23 as the pneumococcal vaccine on the National Immunisation Program from 1 July 2020.



Most commonly reported adverse events

These symptoms are known to occur after vaccination. They are generally mild and short-lived

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who received these vaccines had the same rates and types of adverse events as other older adults.

Injection site pain 238 reports

Injection site swelling or redness 153 reports

Tiredness 149 reports

Headache 99 reports

Sleep pattern change 58 reports

Injection site swelling or redness 182 reports

Injection site pain 154 reports

Tiredness 112 reports

Headache 87 reports

Sleep pattern change 42 reports

Vaccines given to older adults in 2020

