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

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Information for people with disability, families and carers

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.

If you choose to be vaccinated, you will have two or three primary doses and may also have a booster dose.

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

You can also get your vaccine at a Vaccination Hub, a GP clinic or a pharmacy.

This document has information for you, your family and carers about what to expect on the day of your vaccination. 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.

Before vaccination day

Everything will be organised for you so you can have your vaccine at your home. You, the people you live with, and your support workers will have the vaccine at the same time.

Your support provider will talk with the people who will give you the vaccine to make sure everything goes well on your vaccination day. You will receive the vaccine from someone who is experienced.

It is your choice whether you get the vaccine. If you need help to make this decision, you should ask the person who usually helps you make medical decisions.

If you decide to have the vaccine, you will need to tell your support provider and they will write this down.

If you want more information, you can talk to your doctor or someone you trust. If you need help to talk to your doctor, your support provider can help you do this.

On vaccination day

Your support provider, and the person giving you the vaccine, will check that you are well enough to have the vaccine.

If you are not feeling well, you can have the vaccine on another day from 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. They can also have the vaccine if they would like.

The person giving you the vaccine will stay with you for 15 minutes after you have the vaccine.

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

Need more information?

If you want to talk to someone about the vaccine, you can call the National Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 020 080. You can ask for an interpreter if needed.

You can also call the Disability Gateway on 1800 643 787 (or [visit their website](#)) if you are worried or concerned about COVID-19. The phone line is open from 8 am to 8 pm, Monday to Friday.