



Australian Government

## COVID-19 VACCINATION

**Keep your disability workforce up to date by circulating this alert widely in your organisation**

# Disability provider alert

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### New! Easy read consent form

The Department of Health has published a [consent form in Easy Read](#) to support people with disability to make informed decisions about consenting to the COVID-19 vaccine.

For more information about obtaining informed consent for the COVID-19 vaccination, read the [information for disability service providers on consent](#).

### New! Easy read fact sheet on Booster dose and third doses

The Department of Health has published three Easy Read fact sheets explaining COVID-19 vaccine booster and third doses. [Check the Department of Health's website for Easy Read resources](#).

### Easy read: Supporting your rights to have a COVID-19 vaccine

The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission have released an easy read version of a statement from the Acting Commissioner. The statement is about [Supporting the rights of NDIS Participants to access COVID-19 Vaccination](#). It explains what we have told NDIS providers about supporting NDIS participants to make decisions about COVID-19 vaccination.

### Registered NDIS Provider Requirements – COVID-19 Worker Vaccination Status

The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission issued a provider alert on [22 November 2021](#) to NDIS providers registered to deliver intensive support services to NDIS participants. It contained details about requirements for reporting to the NDIS Commission on the COVID-19 vaccination status of workers in line with state and territory public health orders.

## International Day of People with Disability, 3rd of December

This Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December is the International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD). IDPwD is a United Nations observed day aimed at increasing public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability.

See below information about our dedicated disability vaccination hubs and how to book an appointment to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

### Current hubs offering vaccination services

There are many vaccination hubs offering specific services for people with disability, their carers, and disability workers. The list of current hubs is on the webpage for [disability vaccination clinics](#). This page also has links to state and territory websites with information about vaccination clinics for people with disability. They also have other contact information specific to your state and territory. If you have a vaccination clinic or hub you would like us to promote, please [let us know](#).

The [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#) is still the main method to book an appointment.

### Booster doses

People with disability who have completed their primary course of a COVID-19 vaccine at least six months ago are eligible for a booster dose. Booster doses are available through Commonwealth vaccination providers, either through in-reach or a dedicated disability hub. They are also available through other channels such as a GP, pharmacy, or state or territory vaccination clinic.

Disability service providers for disability residential accommodation settings will be contacted by a Commonwealth vaccination provider to organise in-reach for booster doses. This is for providers that received their primary course doses through the Commonwealth in-reach program. Commonwealth vaccination providers are currently working through their allocations, based on indicative booster dose due dates.

The process for supporting in-reach for a booster dose will be the same as preparing for dose 1 and dose 2. That is, confirming in-reach support is needed for a site, then arranging consent and support for individuals as required. For more information about on-site vaccination read the [COVID-19 vaccination – Disability residential accommodation checklist](#).

If you have an enquiry, you can contact [DisabilityCovidVaccineDelivery@Health.gov.au](mailto:DisabilityCovidVaccineDelivery@Health.gov.au)

[See booster vaccine advice on the Department of Health's website](#)

### Other ways to get a booster vaccine

When you become eligible to receive a booster vaccine, you can access a booster through any of these ways:

- Use the [COVID-19 Clinic Finder](#). The Clinic Finder also has information about:
  - getting help from a translator
  - booking for someone else
  - disability vaccination clinics.
- Talk to a doctor (GP)

- Visit a pharmacy that is administering COVID-19 vaccines.

## National Coronavirus helpline and the Disability Gateway

The National Coronavirus Helpline now offers enhanced help to callers with disability, their family/friends or carers looking for information and advice about **COVID-19** or **COVID-19 vaccines**.

**For more information these people should call the helpline on 1800 020 080 and select Option 5.**

**Disability and aged care workers should select Option 4.** This dedicated worker line can answer questions about vaccination and help book a vaccination appointment.

People with disability can also access support through the [Disability Gateway website](#) or by calling 1800 643 787 Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)). This is a **free service** that also can help people make a booking to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

[See this video - How to use the Disability Gateway](#)

## What's new on the Department of Health's website

- Updated information for [disability support workers](#) (including information about vaccine mandates).

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