



Australian Government

COVID-19 VACCINATION

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Disability provider alert

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COVID-19 booster vaccination information for Disability Service Providers

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has recommended a booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 and older, who have had their second dose at least 6 months ago.

ATAGI has not recommended booster doses for people who are severely immunocompromised and have already had a third primary dose or should be getting a third primary dose.

Find out more about booster doses for people aged 18 years and older

Please read the special edition on the [COVID-19 vaccination – Disability provider alert 2 November 2021](#) for information on the administration of booster doses for people with disability in residential accommodation settings.

The Department will soon release resources on Booster doses, including provider resources and easy read fact sheets.

Third doses of a COVID-19 vaccine for people who are immunocompromised

ATAGI has recommended a third primary dose of a COVID-19 for people aged 12 or older, who are severely immunocompromised. ATAGI are recommending an interval of 2-6 months after the second dose, for the third dose.

To see what immunocompromising conditions and therapies apply, [read the ATAGI statement](#).

Reach out to your GP or specialist to discuss whether an additional dose is required.

Queensland Government's information on in-home vaccinations for people with disability

The Queensland Government has announced vaccination pathways for people with disabilities who have not had the COVID-19 vaccine and need help to get vaccinated at home.

There are a number of ways for you to get the vaccine:

- You can speak to your GP or other health provider and ask for help. They may be able to come to your home to vaccinate you or organise for someone else to do this.
- You can call the [Primary Health Network](#) in your area and talk to them about your needs and ask for help.
- You can also call 134 COVID (13 42 68) and ask for support.
- If you are deaf or hard of hearing, please contact the National Relay Service on 1800 555 727 and ask to be directed to a health service. They can connect you to 134 COVID (13 42 68).

Victorian Government's information on in-home vaccinations for people with disability

The Victorian Government has set up a pathway for Victorians unable to get to a vaccination clinic, to receive their COVID-19 vaccine at home.

Follow the link to find out more about eligibility and booking processes for the [Vaccine at home for people with special requirements](#) program.

Current hubs offering vaccination services

There are many vaccination hubs offering services for people with disability, their carers and disability workers. Hubs help people with disability, their family and carers, and the disability workforce get vaccinated in the fastest way possible, specific to their circumstances.

The list of current hubs is on the webpage for [disability vaccination clinics](#). The list is updated regularly. If you have a vaccination clinic or hub you'd like to promote, please [let us know](#).

The [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#) remains the main method of seeking an appointment.

Reminder – the Disability Gateway is here to help

Anyone who is worried or concerned about COVID-19, can get support on the [Disability Gateway website](#) or by calling 1800 643 787. This call centre operates Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST).

The Disability Gateway is a **free service** that also can help people make a booking to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccination requirements for disability care workers

There are state and territory requirements for mandatory vaccination for disability care workers. Please check with the Department of Health in your state or territory for the most up to date information.

Visit our website for the latest COVID-19 news

The Australian Government Department of Health website has a specific section to provide **information to people with disability, their families and carers, the disability workforce and disability providers.**

Go to these pages for links to COVID-19 disability-related information on state and territory government websites. Some of these pages also list vaccination clinics with enhanced services for people with disability.

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