

Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I get the COVID-19 vaccine?

If you get the COVID-19 vaccine, you're protecting more than just yourself. The more community is vaccinated, the safer we'll all be – especially your Elders. Your community health organisation or doctor can tell you which vaccination you can have, and answer any questions.

But no one in my community has COVID-19. Is it still important that I get vaccinated?

Yes, there's still work to be done. Getting vaccinated is the next step towards making sure we all stay safe in the future.

Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe?

COVID-19 vaccines have been shown to be safe and effective. The benefits of protecting our family and Elders far outweigh any potential side effects you might have.

What sort of side effects?

Like all vaccinations, COVID-19 vaccines can have side effects. Common ones include pain, redness and/or swelling where you got the needle, fever or headache. They're usually mild and go away in a day or two. Serious side effects are very rare.

Speak with your healthcare worker if any side effects worry you. If you have any existing medical conditions, speak with your healthcare worker before getting the vaccine.

Will it affect my fertility?

There's no evidence that shows COVID-19 vaccines affect fertility in men or women.

What about long-term side effects?

There is no evidence of long-term side effects. We continue to collect and closely monitor data as an additional safety measure.

Do I have to pay for the COVID-19 vaccine?

No, it's free for everyone.

Where and when can I get the COVID-19 vaccine?

The vaccine is available to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Victoria.

Contact your local Aboriginal health service or your doctor to get your free vaccination, or walk in to any Victorian vaccination centre. For More info you can also call the Aboriginal COVID-19 Infoline on **1800 312 911**.

Together We Do Better



Information about COVID-19
vaccines for Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander community in Victoria



For more info, go to
coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine

Our First Nations communities have kept the virus at bay by working together.



Let's keep it that way.



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