



Get vaccinated

Getting vaccinated protects you from getting seriously ill with COVID-19.

Immunity wanes over time so get your booster dose now to get added protection ahead of winter. A bivalent vaccine targeting the omicron variant is available for everyone aged 18 and above.

Even if you had COVID-19, you should still get vaccinated. Vaccination remains the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones against the virus.

Who can get vaccinated

[Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation \(ATAGI\)](#) recommends the 2023 booster dose for people at higher risk of severe illness, including:

- everyone aged 65 and above
- everyone aged 18 and above who are at risk.

The [2023 booster dose](#) is available for:

- everyone aged 18 and above
- at risk children aged between 5 and 17 years.

ATAGI recommends 2 doses as a primary course for:

- everyone aged 5 years and above
- at risk children aged between 6 months and 5 years.

At risk adults and children include those with a disability, severely compromised immune system and complex or multiple health conditions, which increase their risk of severe COVID-19.

You may need additional doses based on your medical condition. Please speak to your GP for more information.

Where to get a vaccination

You can get a free third or fourth dose from your local GP or pharmacist – find one near you using the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

After your vaccination

You might have side effects such as pain where you had the needle, tiredness, muscle aches, fever or chill and joint pain. Side effects are normal and a sign that the vaccine is working. They are usually mild and go away after a day or two.

Serious side effects are very rare. Contact your doctor if you are worried, or if any side effects have not gone away after a few days.

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