



Council for
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Getting the Covid-19 vaccination

Easy Read Guide 2021



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www.cid.org.au

What is a vaccine



A vaccine

- helps fight a virus if you come in contact with it
- can stop you from getting very sick from the virus.



A vaccination is when you get an injection of a vaccine.

This is usually done with a needle.

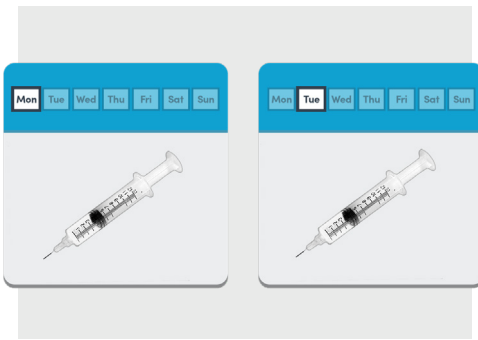


The COVID-19 vaccine

The COVID-19 vaccine is a safe way to protect

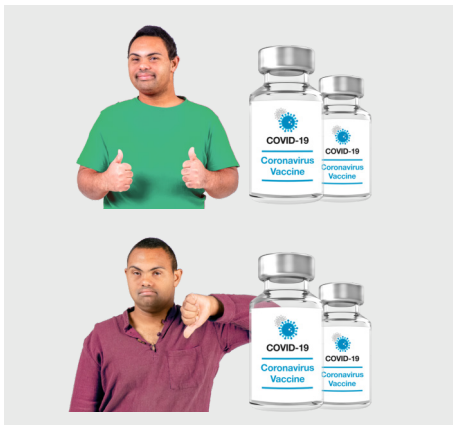
- you
- your family
- the community

The COVID-19 vaccination is free.



There are two injections.

You have them on separate days



You can choose to have the vaccination.

But you can also choose not to have it if you do not want to.



The first people who will get it are more at risk of

- catching the virus
- getting very sick if they catch the virus



These are called priority groups.

To find out if you are in a priority group you can talk to

- your doctor
- the people who support you.



Having the vaccination

You might want to talk to your doctor before you have your COVID-19 vaccination.

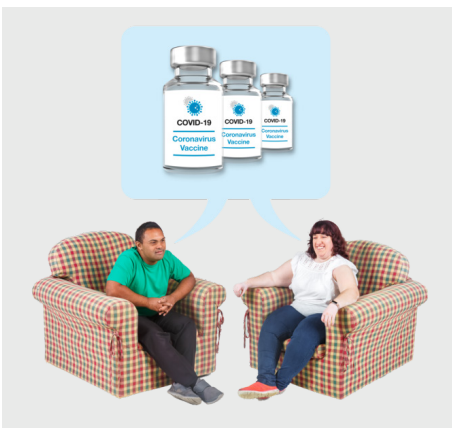
Your doctor can answer any questions you have.



When you go to get your vaccination they will ask you for your consent to have

- the COVID-19 vaccination today
- a second dose of the vaccine later

Consent is saying it is ok for someone to do something.



You can bring someone you trust with you to your vaccination such as a

- family member
- friend
- support worker or carer

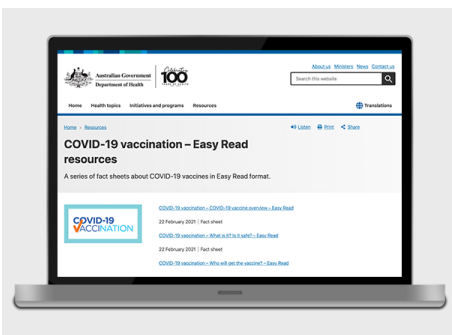


The person who will give you the vaccination is trained.



The vaccination will be given by a needle usually in your upper arm.

They will ask you to wait a little while before you leave to make sure you are ok.



More information

You can visit the Department of Health website, where there are lots of Easy Read resources

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/covid-19-vaccination-easy-read-resources>



You can call the Disability Gateway on **1800 643 787**.

You can call the National Coronavirus Helpline on **1800 020 080**.



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