



# Eligibility guidance for state vaccine clinics

As of 25 July 2021 Changes are in bold.

People who are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine – as of 25 July 2021		
Eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine	<p>AstraZeneca vaccine will be offered to people aged 60 years and over      Pfizer vaccine is preferred and will be offered to eligible people aged under 60 years.</p>	
	<p>Adults aged 18 years and over who provide informed consent can receive the AstraZeneca vaccine <b>through GPs, GP respiratory clinics, community health services and Aboriginal community controlled health services.</b></p> <p><b>AstraZeneca should not be provided at Victorian vaccination centres to people aged 18-39 years who are not otherwise eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.</b></p> <p>Note: Pfizer is the preferred vaccine recommended by ATAGI for people aged under 60 years.</p>	
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### Adults aged 60 years and over eligible for Pfizer vaccine

- People who have already had their first dose of Pfizer vaccine are eligible to receive their second dose, regardless of their age.
- **People who are pregnant and aged 16 years and over are eligible.**
- **The following people are eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine regardless of their age:**
  - **All health care workers**
  - **Public and private residential aged care and disability care workers and residents**
  - **Hotel quarantine and border workers**
  - **Household contacts of hotel quarantine and border workers**
- People aged 60 years or older may be eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine if they have a history of any of the following medical conditions. These people should be referred to the Victorian Specialist Immunisation Service (VicSIS) for further review and determination of eligibility. For guidance on how to make a referral, visit [Melbourne Vaccine Education Centre \(MVEC\) website](#):
  - a history of cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST), idiopathic splanchnic (mesenteric, portal, splenic) vein thrombosis, heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT), antiphospholipid syndrome with thrombosis, or thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS)
  - had immediate (within 4 hours) and generalised symptoms of a possible allergic reaction (e.g. urticaria/hives) to a previous dose of AstraZeneca vaccine
  - a history of anaphylaxis to previous vaccines and/or multiple drugs (injectable and/or oral) where ingredients such as polysorbate 80 may conceivably be the cause
- **people who have a history of capillary leak syndrome**
- people with contraindications to AstraZeneca vaccine
  - anaphylaxis to a previous dose of AstraZeneca, or to an ingredient of the vaccine (e.g. polysorbate 80)
  - thrombosis with thrombocytopenia occurring after the first dose of AstraZeneca
  - other serious adverse events attributed to the first dose of AstraZeneca.

(Please check the ingredients of the patient's current/previously tolerated medications as they may contain polysorbate).

**Definitions:**

- (i) People deemed to be eligible are vulnerable and at high risk of contracting or developing serious illness from COVID-19 includes those experiencing homelessness, sleeping rough, or in emergency accommodation; those receiving drug and alcohol support services; and residents of residential mental health facilities.
- (ii) Residents of high-risk accommodation includes those residing in residents of high rise and low rise public housing, community housing and other sensitive accommodation settings with shared facilities (including private provides) (e.g. Supported Residential Services, rooming houses high risk-community housing, and other high-density settings with vulnerable populations and compliance issues (case by case) such as backpacker hostels, caravan parks and retirement living.
- (iii) As of 12 May 2021, the approved categories include people travelling for the following reasons: (i) response to the COVID-19 Outbreak; (ii) critical industries and business (iii) urgent medical treatment; (iv) compassionate and compelling grounds; (v) urgent and unavoidable personal business; and (vi) national interest. People who have received a travel exemption under the category of 'travelling overseas for a compelling reason for at least 3 months' will not be prioritised for vaccination.

**Residence in Victoria is not a requirement to be eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in Victoria. People are encouraged to access the healthcare provider most convenient for them.**