

COVID-19 Vaccinations:

Book, Attend and Stay COVID-safe

Australia's vaccines against COVID-19 are free, safe and available for anyone living in Australia.

In our effort to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our communities, we are supporting residents living in shared rooming houses, public and community housing to keep them COVID-19 safe.

Help stop the spread of COVID-19 within our community and get vaccinated. The more people we have vaccinated, the more protected we and our communities will be against the virus.



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It's your turn to get vaccinated against COVID-19

There are many people in the community that have already received the COVID-19 vaccine, and now it's your turn.

As you are a resident living in a shared rooming house, including shared student accommodation, public or community housing, you have been identified as a priority group to receive the vaccination against COVID-19.

The vaccine is free, voluntary and effective against the fight of COVID-19.

For further information about your eligibility and how to make a booking, call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398 or visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine



Book

Check your eligibility online at
[covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au](https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/covid-vaccine)

Book by calling **1800 675 398**



Attend

Arrive at your appointment
5 minutes early

Book and attend your second
appointment

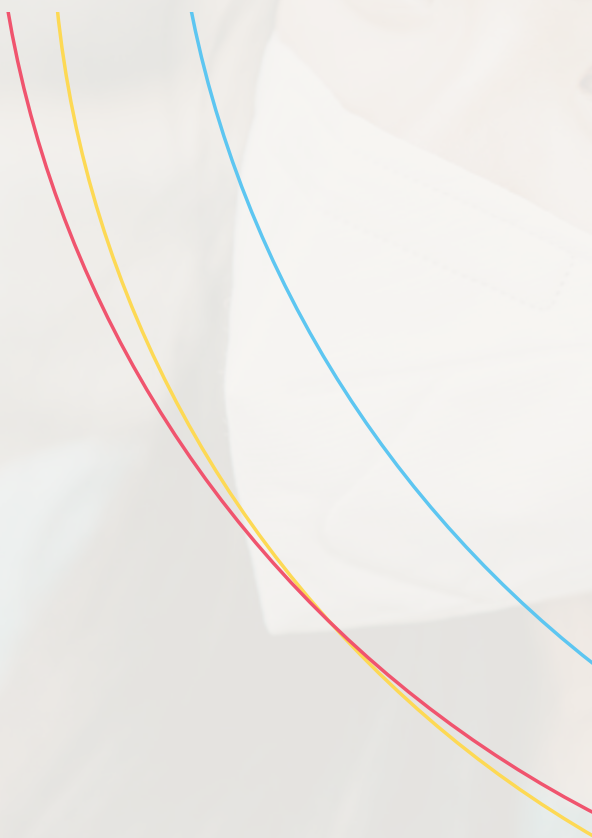


Stay Safe

Continue other COVID-safe practices
so we can stay safe and stay open

Know you've done something
important for yourself and others!

**Here are three
simple steps to
help us all stop
the spread of
COVID-19:**





Book



You can book in for your COVID-19 vaccine in one of the following ways:

1. Call the Coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398 to:

- a. check your eligibility
- b. book your appointment at your nearest Vaccination Hub location
- c. ask for further information about COVID-19 vaccines.

Let the phone staff know you are eligible as you are a resident from **High-Risk Housing** and confirm that you have your Eligibility Letter from the Department of Health.

*Note: if you do not have the Eligibility Letter, please let us know and we can provide you with one.

2. Call your doctor or your community health centre to:

- a. ask them whether they are offering COVID-19 vaccinations
- b. book your appointment if you are a regular client and eligible for a vaccination
- c. raise any worries you may have about the vaccination with your doctor.

If you are a patient with Access Health & Community, you can call our Vaccination Hotline on 1800 575 075 (Monday to Friday, 8.30am-4.30pm) to make a vaccination booking at either our Hawthorn or Richmond medical clinic.



Attend



What you need to do on the day of your vaccination appointment:

What you need to bring with you to your vaccination appointment:

1. Bring your Medicare Card with you (if you have one). If you do not have a Medicare card, you can register for an Individual HealthCare Identifier number. We can support through this if you require one.
2. Bring a valid form of identification. For example, you driver's license, proof of age card or passport, or documentation such as bank statements, bills or government letters (eg. from Centrelink).
3. You will also need to bring a Proof of Eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination letter. One of our staff members will provide you with this document if you do not have one.

On the day of your appointment, be sure to:

- Attend your booking early. Aim to get to your appointment 5-10 minutes before your appointment time so that you can sign in and let the staff know you have arrived.
- Read and complete your Consent form and understand the benefits and risks associated with receiving and not receiving the vaccine, and the common expected side effects.
- Tell your vaccination provider about any medical conditions.
- Once you have been vaccinated, you will have to complete a 15-minute observation period.
- After your vaccination, talk to the healthcare staff to book and attend your second vaccination appointment, and read the after-care information provided to you.

Once you have received your vaccine, remind yourself that you've done something great and important for yourself, your loved ones and others in keeping safe and stopping the further spread and harm of COVID-19.



Stay Safe

After you have received both your COVID-19 doses, you will receive a COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate.

Getting your COVID-19 vaccination is just one way we can all keep safe against COVID-19.

By continuing good COVID-19 safe practices, such as regularly washing or sanitising your hands, maintaining 1.5m physical distancing and wearing a face mask when required, you are contributing to us staying safe.

And remember, if you are unwell and have symptoms, get a COVID-19 test .





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SUPPORT AND INFORMATION

We are here to support you

If you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, how to make a booking or whether you are eligible or not, you can contact:

- the Access Health & Community and healthAbility COVID-19 Response Team on (03) 8850 4111 or email HRAR@accesshc.org.au
- your doctor or healthcare provider if you have any concerns about the vaccine and your health
- Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398

The more people that get vaccinated, the more protected our communities will be. Let's all do our part to stay COVID-safe so we can stay safe and stay open.

Book your appointment today.

Please note: the information provided is current as of 27 May 2021 and is changing on a daily basis. For the most recent information, visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine or call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.