

COVID-19 vaccine: FAQs for aged care and disability care worker blitz

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Residential aged care and disability care worker blitz

About the blitz

When is the blitz occurring?	The blitz will run from Monday 23 August – Sunday 29 August 2021.
Do you need to make an appointment?	Many vaccination centres have walk ins available for workers in residential aged care and disability care. Booking are preferred. Call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398 to access a reserved Pfizer appointment.
Which vaccination centres are participating?	More than 50 vaccination centres across Victoria are participating. For more information on vaccination centres visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-centres
Are the vaccines interchangeable?	The Pfizer and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines are not considered interchangeable in Australia, however some circumstances may require doses of different vaccines. If you have had a first dose of AstraZeneca you should get your second dose of AstraZeneca.
Who can get vaccinated as part of the blitz?	Public and private residential aged care and disability care workers.
What evidence do I need to bring to provide I'm part of the blitz?	Workers can prove eligibility by showing their residential aged care or disability care staff ID card or (if they do not have a card with them) by signing the Eligibility Declaration form. If you do not have an eligibility declaration form one can be provided to you at the vaccination centre.
Can residents of aged care and disability care facilities get vaccinated as part of the blitz?	No, the blitz is only for residential aged care and disability care workers. Residents of aged care and disability care facilities can get their COVID-19 vaccine at: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doctor's clinics• Community health services• Pharmacies

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination centres. <p>The Australian Government is also providing residential in-reach vaccination services.</p> <p>For information on how to book visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment</p> <p>The best person to speak to about your health or pre-existing medical conditions is your GP. Your GP will be able to talk to you about your health and getting a COVID-19 vaccine.</p>
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Book your reserved appointment

Who can access reserved appointments?	<p>Pfizer appointments are being reserved at vaccination centres for public and private residential aged care and disability care workers.</p> <p>Appointments at vaccination centres are being reserved to help people who are at higher risk of contracting or getting very sick from COVID-19 get vaccinated.</p> <p>COVID-19 vaccines will become mandatory for residential aged care workers in September.</p>
Which vaccine will I receive at a reserved appointment?	<p>You will receive Pfizer regardless of their age.</p>
How do I book a reserved appointment?	<p>To book a reserved appointment call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.</p>
Why are appointments being reserved?	<p>Appointments at vaccination centres are being reserved to help people who are at higher risk of contracting or getting very sick from COVID-19 get vaccinated.</p> <p>From 17 September 2021, residential aged care workers must be vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of employment.</p>
I live in regional Victoria and there are no vaccination centres near me – how can I get my COVID-19 vaccine?	<p>You can get your COVID-19 vaccine at a doctor's clinic (GP), pharmacy or community health service.</p> <p>Find a service near you.</p> <p>More vaccination centres are opening up across Victoria to make sure everyone can get their COVID-19 vaccine. For more information about where your nearest vaccination centre is, visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-centres</p>

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