



# COVID-19 vaccines

## Key messages

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### Residential aged care and disability care blitz

- From Monday 23 August residential aged care workers and disability care workers will get priority access at vaccination centres across Victoria as part of a week long blitz.
- The blitz for residential aged care and disability care workers will run from Monday 23 August – Sunday 29 August 2021.
- From 17 September 2021, residential aged care workers must be vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of employment.
- Residential aged care workers and disability care workers can access reserve Pfizer appointments through state vaccination centres. To access a reserved appointment workers need to call the coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398.
- Many vaccination centres will have walk-ins available for aged care and disability workers, but bookings are preferred. For information on which vaccination centres are accepting walk-ins and wait times visit [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-centres](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-centres)
- Residential aged care workers and disability care workers are eligible for the Pfizer COVID -19 vaccine regardless of their age.
- Residential aged care workers and disability care workers can access walk ins by following signage at vaccination centres. Walk ins are only open to residential aged care workers and disability care workers. People will need to present their ID badge or sign a declaration form to show they are an aged care / disability worker.
- People can also access COVID-19 vaccines through participating doctors, pharmacies, and community health services.
- The Victorian Government continues to work closely with the Commonwealth on their program rollout across residential aged care and disability.
- In addition to providing vaccination, general practitioners and other regular healthcare providers are the best source of information regarding personal health and decisions around COVID-19 vaccines. This is especially the case for people with underlying medical conditions, or questions about their health and COVID-19 vaccines.

### Access to reserved Pfizer appointments

- Public and private residential aged care and disability care workers can access Pfizer first dose appointments regardless of age.

- Appointments are being reserved to help residential aged care and disability care workers access their COVID-19 vaccine quickly and conveniently.
- To book a reserved appointment call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398. You will need to identify yourself as a residential aged care or residential disability care worker.

- To receive this document in another format, phone 1300 651 160, using the National Relay Service 13 36 77 if required, or email [COVIDvaccination@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:COVIDvaccination@dhhs.vic.gov.au)
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