

Which vaccine you will receive

In line with the advice of Department of Health: Victoria:

- the **AstraZeneca** vaccine will be given to people aged 50 years and over. This vaccines appointment can be made at Mt Evelyn Medical Surgery. Please see below for making appointments.
- From 27/5/2021 all patients aged between 40 to 49 years can get **Pfizer** vaccine at Victoria's mass COVID-19 vaccine centers

Link: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-centres>

- if you are aged under 40 years and are currently eligible to get a **Pfizer** COVID-19 vaccine you need to book an appointment by calling 1800 675 398.

Link: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-vaccine-eligibility-checker>

How to get the vaccine

Any one above the age of 50 years can book there covid vaccine appointment at Mt Evelyn Medical Surgery online via HotDoc on

Link: <http://www.mtevelynmedical.com.au/Default2.aspx?ID=19>

WHAT TO DO PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMENT

- Please download the consent form. Print both sides. Fill it to best of your knowledge and bring with you at your appointment.
 - Link: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-consent-form-for-covid-19-vaccination>
- Ensure that you have not had a flu or any other immunization within 14 of days of your appointment
- You may need to provide evidence of eligibility to your vaccination provider before you can receive a COVID-19 vaccine.
- If you are not clinic patient please bring your medical history with you.

Who can get a COVID-19 vaccine in General Practice

The following people can get a COVID-19 vaccine now:

- People who are 50 years and older
- Hotel quarantine and border workers
- Household contacts of hotel quarantine and border workers
- Healthcare workers
- Aged care staff and residents
- Disability care staff and residents
- Critical and high risk workers who are currently employed including:
 - defence force personnel
 - police, fire, emergency services workers
 - meat and seafood processing workers
- The Victorian Government has expanded the priority group to include people in the following workplaces.
 - corrective and detention services including community correction staff
 - staff working within high risk accommodation settings such as supported residential services
 - public transport drivers and workers that are public facing
 - ride share and taxi drivers
- Adults with an underlying medical condition or significant disability
- People that are vulnerable and at high risk of contracting or developing serious illness from COVID-19, such as:
 - those experiencing homelessness, sleeping rough, or in emergency accommodation
 - those receiving drug and alcohol support services
 - residents of residential mental health facilities
 - those in sensitive accommodation including high rise/low rise public housing, supported residential services, community housing, rooming houses and others
 - prisoners in custody and detainees within corrections facilities
- Carers (paid and unpaid) of some individuals eligible under Phase 1a and 1b, or of children with specified medical conditions – see COVID-19 vaccination program Phase 1b for further details
- Some disability and aged care support volunteers – see COVID-19 vaccination program Phase 1b for further details
- Travellers who have received a travel restriction exemption from the Australian Government to leave Australia

- People who have already had their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (including individuals who have returned from interstate or overseas) can receive their second dose at the appropriate timing between doses regardless of the phase they are in.

People who should seek medical advice before their vaccine

If you are currently eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine and you have one of the following medical conditions you should speak to doctor before you get your COVID-19 vaccine:

- a history of cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST), splanchnic vein thrombosis, heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT), or thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS)
- Had immediate (within 2 hours) and generalised symptoms of a possible allergic reaction (e.g. hives) to a previous dose of AstraZeneca vaccine
- Those who have anaphylaxis after a previous dose of AstraZeneca vaccine
- Those who have anaphylaxis to polysorbate 80 (a component of AstraZeneca vaccine).