

# COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION SHEET

This information has been compiled from resources available via the Department of Health as at April 2021.



## What is the vaccine?

- + The COVID-19 vaccine is medicine that:
  - helps people fight the COVID-19 virus if they come in contact with it
  - can stop people from getting very sick from the COVID-19 virus.
- + A vaccination is when you receive an injection of the vaccine. This is done with a needle.
- + You can choose to have the vaccination. But you don't have to have it if you don't want to.



## Why get the vaccine?

- + Some people with a disability or other health concerns are at greater risk of becoming very sick if they catch COVID-19.
- + The COVID-19 vaccine will help us stay safe and live freely.
- + The COVID-19 vaccinations are free for all Australians.



## Where do I get the vaccine?

- + You can get the vaccine at vaccination clinics and some general practices.
- + The **COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Checker** on the Department of Health website, allows you to view and select clinic locations based on the postcode you enter.



## When can I get the vaccine?

- + If you are eligible to get the vaccine, you can get it now.
- + A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you check your eligibility using the **COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Checker** on the Department of Health website.
- + It is important to understand the safety measures and side effects of the vaccination. You can do this by speaking to your doctor before receiving the vaccine.



## How can I find out more about the vaccine?

- + Speak to your General Practitioner (GP or doctor).
- + Speak to your Support Worker.
- + Type 'COVID Easy Read' into Google for easy read documents.

## Official COVID-19 contact details:

- + Disability Gateway on **1800 643 787**  
(8am to 8pm, Monday to Friday).
- + Department of Health website [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)
- + National Coronavirus Helpline **1800 020 080**.
- + Translating and Interpreting Service **131 450**.
- + National Relay Service **133 677**  
(If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment).