

COVID-19 vaccines – school and community pop-up clinics

Frequently asked questions

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Booking for a vaccination

Can people get vaccinated at a school?	A number of schools and community locations, including Fawkner Community Hall, will host temporary (pop-up) COVID-19 vaccination clinics throughout the coming weeks and months. This means that anyone in the local community can come forward for their vaccination at the pop up.
Do I have to book a vaccination?	Bookings for vaccinations are preferred. You can book on the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398 (press 0 for in interpreter). You can make multiple bookings, for example, for you and members of your family. Limited walk-ins are also available.
Where are the vaccination clinic details?	The pop-up clinic is located at 79 Jukes Road, Fawkner. It will be operating from Monday, 27 September to Wednesday, 29 September, between 10am-6pm.
Will people have privacy while they get vaccinated?	People can request to be vaccinated in a private space. Women-only spaces will be available.
If a cannot make it to the pop-up clinic, how else can I get vaccinated?	You can still book an appointment at a vaccination centre, doctor's clinic, pharmacy, or community health service. For a list of vaccination centres in Victoria, visit: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-centres . You can book an appointment at a vaccination centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • online at https://portal.cvms.vic.gov.au, or • on the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398 (press 0 for in interpreter). To book at a doctor's clinic, pharmacy or community health service, visit: covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility
Are these pop ups offering a first dose, or also second doses?	The pop ups will administer first-dose vaccinations.
Should a person with an existing vaccination appointment somewhere else cancel it and book at the school instead?	You can choose to cancel your existing appointment and get vaccinated as part of a school pop up. Appointments are currently in high demand. Please cancel your appointment directly with the vaccine provider. Doing so will help another Victorian access their COVID-19 vaccine sooner.

What should people bring to their vaccine appointment?	<p>People should bring the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare card or individual health care identifier, if you have one • Proof of age (student ID, driver licence, passport, birth certificate or equivalent). • Young people can bring a consent form signed by a parent or guardian, if a parent or guardian is not attending with them. <p>People should also bring their face masks, and follow COVIDSafe practices while getting vaccinated, such as physical distancing.</p>
Can people aged 12-17 attend their vaccination appointment with their parents?	<p>Parents and guardians may attend a vaccination appointment with their children, but they do not have to.</p> <p>Parents can sign a consent form, which their children can bring to their vaccination.</p> <p>To help vaccine pop ups be COVIDSafe, we ask that only ONE parent or guardian attend to support their child.</p>

Eligibility and consent

Who is eligible to get vaccinated?	Everybody aged 12 years and over can get vaccinated.
Is it mandatory to get vaccinated?	<p>It is not mandatory to get vaccinated.</p> <p>By getting vaccinated, you are helping protect yourself, your family and our whole community.</p>
Does a parent or guardian have to give permission for a person under 18 to get vaccinated?	<p>Consent may be given in a number of ways for people aged 12-17 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A parent or guardian can attend the vaccine appointment with the young person and provide consent for them (note: only one parent or guardian may attend with the young person). • A young person may attend a vaccination centre with a consent form signed by a parent or guardian. • A young person may provide their own consent, if a senior and experienced immuniser assesses that they are able to make this decision.
What if a parent or guardian does not allow their child to get vaccinated?	<p>If a parent or guardian has questions about their child getting vaccinated, they should speak with their doctor.</p> <p>A young person can choose to get vaccinated and provide their own consent.</p> <p>By getting vaccinated, young people are protecting themselves, their families, and their communities from COVID-19.</p>

Vaccine safety

Which vaccine will individuals receive?	<p>Those aged under 60 will receive the Pfizer vaccine.</p> <p>Those aged 60 years and over will receive the AstraZeneca vaccine.</p>
Is the vaccine safe?	<p>The vaccine is free, voluntary, and safe.</p> <p>In rare cases, side effects may occur, but these are generally mild and last only for a day or two.</p> <p>People will be supervised by a medical professional for 15 minutes after they are vaccinated, to make sure they are ok.</p>

<p>What are the long-term side effects vaccination?</p>	<p>Like all vaccinations, side effects are a possibility, but they are rare and generally mild, lasting for only a day or two. For information on possible side effects from COVID-19 vaccines, see the Victorian Government website: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/cardiac-side-effects-and-covid-19.</p>
<p>Will the vaccine affect the future fertility of young people?</p>	<p>There is no scientific evidence that vaccines impact fertility. None of the COVID-19 vaccines currently under review by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) cause sterilisation/infertility. The TGA will not approve a vaccine for use in Australia unless it is safe and effective. This includes impacts on fertility.</p>
<p>Why should younger people get vaccinated if they do not get as sick from COVID-19?</p>	<p>Younger people are also at risk of getting COVID-19. While in some cases they may not get as sick as older people from COVID-19, they may still infect older people who are more vulnerable, such as parents or grandparents. Vaccination is important so that young people can protect themselves, their families, and their communities.</p>