



Eligibility for the Pfizer vaccine

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The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) recommends that the Pfizer (Comirnaty) vaccine is preferred for individuals under 60. Access to the Pfizer vaccine is prioritised for those whom the Pfizer vaccine is the only COVID-19 vaccine currently recommended.

You can keep up to date with the eligibility criteria for Pfizer, through the Department of Health's website: www.health.gov.au. You can also find additional advice from ATAGI on 2 August 2021 on COVID-19 vaccines in the setting of transmission of the Delta variant of concern on the Department's website under 'News'.

Who has priority access to Pfizer vaccines?

Priority populations in Phase 1 who are aged under 60 should continue to be prioritised for the Pfizer vaccine. In addition, aged care workers of any age should also be prioritised. Priority populations include:

- quarantine and border workers and their household contacts
- disability care workers and disability care residents
- healthcare workers
- critical and high risk workers
- travellers with a travel exemption
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- people with an underlying condition, and
- pregnant women.

Who is eligible to receive Pfizer vaccines?

Vaccination providers can administer Pfizer to all individuals aged 12 to 59.

Vaccination providers can also administer Pfizer to people aged 60 and over with:

- past history of cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST)
- past history of Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT)
- past history of idiopathic splanchnic (mesenteric, portal, splenic) vein thrombosis

- antiphospholipid syndrome with thrombosis, and contraindications to COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca. That means:
 - anaphylaxis to a previous dose or to an ingredient of the vaccine,
 - thrombosis with thrombocytopenia occurring after the first dose of AstraZeneca, or
 - other serious adverse event attributed to the first dose of AstraZeneca.

People aged 60 and over who do not have one of the conditions listed above are eligible to receive the AstraZeneca vaccine.