

Booking a COVID-19 vaccination: Information for people with disability and their carers



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This factsheet is for people with disability who are aged between 16 and 49 years, and who are eligible to get a vaccination under phase 1b of the Australian Government's COVID-19 vaccination program. It provides information about how to book an appointment at the Garran COVID-19 mass vaccination clinic.

Who can make an appointment?

You can make an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination at the Garran COVID-19 mass vaccination clinic if you are under 50 years of age, and you:

- have an underlying medical condition including a disability such as Down Syndrome, muscular dystrophy, traumatic brain and spinal cord injury or severe intellectual disability
- are living with significant disability and need frequent assistance with activities of daily living
- have a severe mental health condition, including schizophrenia or bi-polar disorder, or
- have a disability or aged-related condition and attend centre-based services (such as day programs, supported employment or respite).

Carers and Support Workers under 50 years of age can also make an appointment at the Garran Clinic.

Where is the Garran COVID-19 vaccination clinic located?

The Garran COVID-19 mass vaccination clinic is located at Kitchener Street in Garran (across the road from The Canberra Hospital). [Mapⁱ](#)

There is accessible parking and a ramp at the front of the building.

How do I book a vaccination appointment?

You (or your carer) can make an appointment by calling **02 5124 7700** (8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).

You can also book an appointment online using [MyDHRⁱⁱ](#).

An appointment will be made for you to get your second dose at the Garran COVID-19 mass vaccination clinic.

What if I am aged 50 or above?

If you (or your carer) are aged 50 years or over, you should get vaccinated at a GP or other vaccination clinic that offers the AstraZeneca vaccine.

To book an appointment, use the Commonwealth Government's [Vaccine Eligibility Checkerⁱⁱⁱ](#), or call 02 5124 7700 to book an appointment at the Calvary Public Hospital COVID-19 vaccination clinic. This clinic offers the AstraZeneca vaccine to people aged 50 years and over.

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How do I show I am eligible to receive a vaccine?

You can show you are eligible by providing one of the following documents at your vaccine appointment:

- a referral from a GP or treating specialist, for example this could be a simple email or letter, or
- a medical document, for example this could be a document that shows medical history, a valid prescription or medicine for treating the condition.

Where none of these are available you may complete a phase [1b Declaration Form](#).

You will also need to take proof of age (e.g. driver's licence, passport, birth certificate) to your appointment.

Carers can confirm their eligibility by providing documentation or proof of occupation (ID card or letter from employer/centre-based support provider). Where none of these are available, you may complete a phase 1b Declaration Form. It's a good idea to complete this prior to your appointment.

What if I have access needs?

If you have access needs and require a reasonable adjustment, please book your appointment by phone. Let us know your needs when you call to book your appointment.

On the day of vaccination

- ✓ Arrive to check in 15 minutes before your appointment time.
- ✓ Bring your Medicare card, if you have one.

If you can't make it to your appointment because you're unwell, have [COVID-19 symptoms](#) or for other reasons, please reschedule or cancel your appointment by logging into your [MyDHR](#) account or by calling 02 5124 7700.

Informed consent

- ✓ Receiving the vaccine is your choice. It is very important you understand what the vaccine is and its benefits and risks.
- ✓ Your informed consent will need to be provided to the person giving you the vaccination. You can withdraw your consent at any time before receiving your vaccination.
- ✓ If someone typically makes decisions on your behalf, you must bring a signed [Consent Form](#)^v to your vaccination appointment. The person who signed the form should come with you. If this is not possible, please call to let us know on [02 5124 7700](#).

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The Commonwealth Government Department of Health has developed an [Easy Read](#) version^v about giving your consent for COVID-19 vaccination.

More information can be found on our [Preparing for your COVID-19 vaccination webpage](#).^{vi}

What if I have questions about the vaccine?

The ACT Government COVID-19 vaccination clinic is a nurse led service.

If you have questions or concerns about getting a COVID-19 vaccine, or the impact of the vaccine on other medical conditions, you should talk to your GP or other healthcare provider before you make your appointment.

You can't have any other vaccination within 14 days of a COVID-19 vaccination. This includes the flu vaccine.

After the vaccination

After the vaccination, you will need to stay for at least 15 minutes for observation.

You will be invited to scan a QR Code to enrol into [AusVaxSafety](#)^{vii} – Australia's active vaccine safety system. If you agree, you can complete the survey via text and the data is used to inform the vaccine safety monitoring program.

Parking at Calvary Public Hospital COVID-19 vaccination clinic

The Calvary Public Hospital COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Lewisham Building provides the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine to people aged 50 and over.

Disability parking spots and drop off near the entry to Lewisham Building are available in the ICU parking area (underneath the building on stilts).

Free parking is also available in the multi-storey carpark opposite the main entry to Calvary.

More information is available on the ACT Government website www.covid19.act.gov.au/vaccine.

Further information

Get more information

- [ACT COVID-19 vaccine](#)^{viii}
- [Australian Government Department of Health](#)^{ix}
- [Therapeutic Goods Administration \(TGA\)](#)^x
- Call the National Vaccine Helpline on 1800 020 080 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

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Links:

ⁱ **Map** - <https://goo.gl/maps/s4pUrnDPB5tFMnm6>

ⁱⁱⁱ **MyDHR** - <http://www.covid19.act.gov.au/dhr>

ⁱⁱⁱ **COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Checker** - <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility?lang=en>

^{iv} **Consent Form** - <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-consent-form-for-covid-19-vaccination>

^v **Easy Read** - <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-giving-your-consent-easy-read>

^{vi} **Preparing for your COVID-19 vaccination** - <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/stay-safe-and-healthy/vaccine/preparing-for-your-covid-19-vaccination>

^{vii} **AusVaxSafety** - <https://www.ausvaxsafety.org.au/>

^{viii} **ACT COVID-19** - <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/stay-safe-and-healthy/vaccine>

^{ix} **Australian Government Department of Health** - <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/getting-vaccinated-for-covid-19/what-should-i-do-before-i-get-vaccinated-for-covid-19>

^x **Therapeutic Goods Administration** - <https://www.tga.gov.au/covid-19-vaccines>