

# Booking a COVID-19 vaccination appointment



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You can now book in to get a COVID-19 vaccination if:

- you are eligible as part of phase 1a or phase 1b of the COVID-19 vaccination program, or
- you are over 50 years of age.

**If you are under 50 years of age** and eligible to get the vaccine under phase 1a or phase 1b, you can make a booking for a Pfizer vaccination at the Garran COVID-19 mass vaccination clinic.

**If you are 50 years of age or over**, you should book in to get your AstraZeneca vaccination at a participating GP or the Calvary Public Hospital COVID-19 vaccination clinic in Bruce.

For more information on who is eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine now use the Commonwealth Government's [Vaccine Eligibility Checker](#)<sup>i</sup>.

## How to book a vaccination appointment

You can book an appointment:

- using the [Commonwealth Government's Vaccine Eligibility Checker](#). Use it to find a participating GP and information about the ACT Government vaccination clinics.
- online using [MyDHR](#)<sup>ii</sup>. It's an easy way to make a booking at the ACT Government vaccination clinics in Garran and Bruce.
- by calling the ACT Government COVID-19 vaccination booking line on [02 5124 7700](tel:0251247700) (8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday), if you cannot access MyDHR or do not have a Medicare card.

An appointment will be made for your second dose while you are at the clinic.

It is recommended to have a minimum interval of 14 days between a COVID-19 vaccination and any other vaccination. This includes the flu vaccine.

When making an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination, make sure you have any evidence you may need to demonstrate your eligibility for vaccination.

## If you have a medical condition

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

You must contact your GP and get a letter that states that you can be vaccinated before you make your appointment if you:

- are on blood thinners without stable levels (for example are on warfarin with an INR >3 or not stable in recent weeks), or
- are pregnant.

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Do not make an appointment if you have an allergy to any of the [ingredients in the COVID-19 vaccines](#)<sup>iii</sup>. If you are unsure, discuss this with your healthcare provider.

## 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.

More information can be found on our [Preparing for your COVID-19 vaccination webpage](#)<sup>iv</sup>.

## On the day of vaccination

- ✓ Arrive to check in 15 minutes before your appointment time.
- ✓ Bring your Medicare card, if you have one.
- ✓ Avoid bringing friends or family members to the appointment, if possible. The clinic has limited waiting room space so others may be asked to wait outside.

**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.**

## After the vaccination

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

You will be invited to scan a QR Code to enrol in [AusVaxSafety](#)<sup>v</sup>—an active vaccine safety surveillance program, led by the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance. If you enrol, you will receive a follow up survey via email or text message at set timeframes after your vaccine. This information is used to inform national vaccine safety monitoring.

## Further information

Get more information

- [ACT COVID-19 vaccine](#)<sup>vi</sup>
- [Australian Government Department of Health](#)<sup>vii</sup>
- [Therapeutic Goods Administration \(TGA\)](#)<sup>viii</sup>
- Call the National Vaccine Helpline on 1800 020 080 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

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## 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](http://www.covid19.act.gov.au/vaccine).

### Links

<sup>i</sup> **Vaccine Eligibility Checker** - <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility>

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

<sup>iii</sup> **Ingredients in the COVID-19 vaccines** - <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/stay-safe-and-healthy/vaccine/learn-how-the-vaccine-works#What-are-the-ingredients-in-COVID-19-vaccines->

<sup>iv</sup> **Preparing for your COVID-19 vaccination webpage** - <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/stay-safe-and-healthy/vaccine/preparing-for-your-covid-19-vaccination>

<sup>v</sup> **AusVaxSafety** - <https://www.ausvaxsafety.org.au/>

<sup>vi</sup> **ACT COVID-19 vaccine** - <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/vaccine>

<sup>vii</sup> **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>

<sup>viii</sup> **Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)** - <https://www.tga.gov.au/covid-19-vaccines>