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COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

Dear carers,

The much anticipated roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine is nearing its initial phase of implementation. As this unfolds, we will be providing you with useful information to enable you to make informed decisions for yourself, your family and the person you care for.

The Australian Government has released general information on their roll-out strategy for the Covid-19 vaccine, which can be found in [Australian COVID-19 Vaccination Information Hub](#) and the [COVID-19 Vaccines National Roll-Out Strategy](#).

This information is available in [multiple languages](#). The ACT Government has likewise outlined their plan regarding how this strategy will be implemented within our community, with more details provided in the section below.

Carers ACT, together with Carers Australia, have heard the concerns of carers about the roll out schedules for the vaccines. We have and will continue to raise the issues with the relevant ministers and departments to ensure that the needs of carers are being considered in decision making.

We hope that this update will contribute to providing more clarity regarding the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine and how this may affect you and the person you care for.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out in the ACT

The ACT Government is working in conjunction with the Australian Government to deliver a safe, effective and targeted COVID-19 vaccination program here in the ACT.

From 22 February, the ACT Government will begin vaccinating people eligible under Phase 1a of the COVID-19 vaccination rollout. The initial phase includes people with a higher risk of developing severe COVID-19 symptoms as well as those who - because of the work they do or for other reasons - are at greater risk of exposure, infection or of transmitting the virus. It will be free and voluntary to get vaccinated.

For more information on the vaccine roll-out in the ACT, visit www.covid19.act.gov.au/vaccine. You can also find a summary of the vaccination program [here](#).

If you would like to speak to someone about the COVID-19 vaccine, you can call the National Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 020 080. This line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

COVID-19 Vaccination Information for People with Disability

People with disability and workers in residential services and disability care group homes will be among the first to access the Covid-19 vaccine. Many people with disability living in group residential support settings will get their vaccination at their residence, with in-reach vaccination teams, managed by the Australian Government, providing these vaccinations.

Find more information on the how the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out will affect people with disability [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccination Information for Residents in Residential Aged Facilities, their Families and Carers

The Australian Government has released information on a strategy to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to residential aged care workers and residents. This cohort will be among the first people who can choose to receive the vaccine in the first roll-out phase (Phase 1a). Workers and residents in residential aged care facilities will be able to receive their vaccination in their facility, and information will be provided ahead of vaccinators attending on site. To access a quick summary on how this will be implemented, you can download this [factsheet](#) and find related updates and information [here](#).





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