



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

Frequently asked questions

Thomastown Secondary College
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Booking for a vaccination

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| Can people get vaccinated at a school? | A number of schools and community locations are hosting 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? | There are bookings and walk-up appointments available. Bookings can be made online or by calling 1800 675 398 . |
| If I 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 participating doctor's clinic, pharmacy or community health service, visit the vaccine clinic finder on the Australian Government's health website: covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au . |
| Are these pop ups offering a first dose, or also second doses? | The pop ups will administer first-dose and second-dose vaccinations. If you are coming forward for your second dose, make sure you received your first dose at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three weeks prior for Pfizer vaccine • six weeks prior for AstraZeneca vaccine. |
| 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? | People should bring the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare card or individual health care identifier, if you have one |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of age (student ID, drivers license, 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 wear a face mask, 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> |
| How do I arrange my second-dose vaccination? | <p>As soon as you have had your first COVID-19 vaccine dose, you can book your second vaccination appointment. You can be supported at the pop up to make your second dose appointment.</p> <p>You can book an appointment at a vaccination centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • online at portal.cvms.vic.gov.au, or • on the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398 (press 0 for in interpreter). |

Eligibility and consent

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| Who is eligible to get vaccinated? | Everybody aged 12 years and over can get vaccinated. |
| 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

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| Which vaccine will individuals receive? | <p>This pop-up clinic will administer the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines. For more information about COVID-19 vaccines, visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au/about-covid-19-vaccines.</p> |
| Is the vaccine safe? | <p>The vaccine is free, voluntary, and safe.</p> <p>People will be supervised by a medical professional for 15 minutes after they are vaccinated, to make sure they are ok.</p> |

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| What are the long-term side effects vaccination? | 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 . |
| Will the vaccine affect the future fertility of young people? | There is no scientific evidence that vaccines impact fertility. None of the COVID-19 vaccines used in Australia 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. |
| Why should younger people get vaccinated if they do not get as sick from COVID-19? | Younger people are also at risk of getting COVID-19, and could also infect 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. |

People with disabilities

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| Are school pops suitable for people with disabilities to get vaccinated? | <p>Yes.</p> <p>School pop-up clinics will be suitable for many people with disabilities.</p> <p>If you or the person getting vaccinated need additional support to receive a vaccination, Disability Liaison Officers (DLOs) can help make an appointment to suit your needs. For more information on DLOs, visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-people-disability.</p> <p>People with disabilities get priority access at vaccination centres, including school pop-ups. They and/or their carers should present to staff on arrival.</p> <p>For a list of vaccination centres with enhanced accessibility options, social scripts and other resources visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-people-disability</p> |
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COVID-19 positive people and people isolating

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| Can I get vaccinated if I have COVID-19? | <p>No. If you test positive for COVID-19 you must immediately go home and isolate.</p> <p>You cannot leave your home to get vaccinated.</p> <p>The Department of Health will call you and tell you when you can finish your isolation and safely leave your home.</p> |
| I am in isolation but I do not have COVID-19. Can I get a COVID-19 vaccination? | No. If you have been told to isolate, you must follow the advice you are given about when you can leave your home. |
| Should I get vaccinated if I feel slightly unwell? | No. Get tested for COVID-19 and stay home until you receive a negative result if you: |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• feel even a little unwell• have been to an exposure site• have been in close contact with someone who might have COVID-19. |
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