



Australian Government



Primary Care Vaccine Roll-out

Phase 1b BULLETIN

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Key messages from Department of Health:

Australian Immunisation Register

- Remember to check the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to ensure the correct vaccine is provided to individuals as a second dose.
- It's important that both doses should be of the same vaccine.
- If a patient advises that they have already received the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and they are not a returning patient to your clinic please check the AIR to confirm what vaccine was given as the first dose.

Consent

The [COVID-19 vaccine consent form](#) has been revised by Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) and updated on the Department of Health website.

The easy print versions and translated versions have been removed and will be available once they have been updated.

Other patient and provider information resources will be published as the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS) update over the weekend. We will provide these links as soon as they are available.

Product Information and Consumer Medicine Information

- Safety updates have been made to the Product Information (PI) and Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) for the COVID-19 AstraZeneca Vaccine.
- These changes were approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration on 8 April 2021.
- PI: <http://www.guilmlink.com.au/gc/ws/astra/pi.cfm?product=appc19vx10421>
- CMI: <http://www.guilmlink.com.au/gc/ws/astra/cmi.cfm?product=apcc19vx10421>

National Coronavirus and COVID-19 Vaccine Helpline

If patients have questions about the vaccine they can contact the National Coronavirus and COVID-19 Vaccine Helpline on 1800 020 080.

Please do NOT provide the Vaccine Operation Centre's (VOC) phone number to members of the public. This number is for vaccination sites to report wastage, adverse events, cold-chain breaches and ordering issues. read

Updated statements on health.gov.au

- ATAGI statement: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/atagi-statement-on-astrazeneca-vaccine-in-response-to-new-vaccine-safety-concerns>
- Department of Health Secretary and Chief Medical Officer statement: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/joint-statement-on-covid-19-astrazeneca-vaccine-advice-from-atagi>
- TGA statement: <https://www.tga.gov.au/media-release/astrazeneca-chadox1-s-covid-19-vaccine>

Current updated webpages on health.gov.au

- About the AZ vaccine <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/learn-about-covid-19-vaccines/about-the-oxfordastrazeneca-covid-19-vaccine>
- Advice for vaccine providers <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/information-for-covid-19-vaccination-providers>
- Are COVID vaccine safe <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/learn-about-covid-19-vaccines/are-covid-19-vaccines-safe>
- Clinical considerations <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/information-for-covid-19-vaccination-providers/covid-19-vaccine-clinical-considerations>
- What happens after I am vaccinated <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/getting-vaccinated-for-covid-19/what-happens-after-i-am-vaccinated-for-covid-19>
- Which vaccine will I receive <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/getting-vaccinated-for-covid-19/which-covid-19-vaccine-will-i-receive>