

COVID-19 vaccines from community pharmacy

This table outlines the specific vaccines and age groups that are approved for COVID-19 vaccination in pharmacies or by pharmacists under each state/territory's legislation and regulations. The COVID-19 vaccination program rollout is being carried out with varying degrees of pharmacy participation across different jurisdictions. Multiple brands of COVID-19 vaccines are registered in Australia. Age restrictions for and access to vaccination in pharmacies may differ by brand of COVID-19 vaccine in different jurisdictions. These may also change over time with changing local epidemiology (such as outbreak) within a jurisdiction. Because it is a fast-changing space, refer to the current protocol or operational guidance of your jurisdiction for the most current details. Availability of COVID-19 vaccines in individual pharmacies depends on supply as the COVID-19 vaccination program rollout progresses. Check with your pharmacy for details. Check your eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination on the [Australian Government Department of Health website](https://www.health.gov.au) and make a booking using the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

| State/Territory | Which COVID-19 vaccines can be administered by a pharmacist, if specified,* and who can receive the vaccine? | Notes | Link to jurisdictional standards and regulations |
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| Australian Capital Territory | COVID-19 vaccines approved or provisionally approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and for the age they are registered for. If the vaccines get registered for people under the age of 10 years, pharmacists can only vaccinate those aged 10 years or older. | All dealings in accordance with the Australian Government COVID-19 Vaccination Program and the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) clinical guidance Intern pharmacists can administer the vaccine under the supervision of a pharmacist immuniser. | Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods (Vaccinations by Pharmacists) Direction 2021 (No 3) |
| New South Wales | Vaxzevria (ChAdOx1-S) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 years or older Comirnaty (BNT162b2 [mRNA]) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 12 years or older Spikevax (elasomeran) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 12 years or older | For those without a contraindication or precaution, except those on anti-coagulation therapy. People with a contraindication or precaution should be referred to a medical practitioner. Intern pharmacists can administer the vaccine under the supervision of a pharmacist immuniser. | NSW Pharmacist Immunisation Standards |
| Northern Territory | Vaxzevria (ChAdOx1-S) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 60 years or older Comirnaty (BNT162b2 [mRNA]) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 12 years or older Spikevax (elasomeran) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 years or older | For those who meet the eligibility criteria under the National COVID-19 vaccination implementation phases For those who meet the eligibility criteria under the National COVID-19 vaccination implementation phases, including in pregnancy For those who meet the eligibility criteria under the National COVID-19 vaccination implementation phases, including in pregnancy | COVID-19 Vaccination Administration Protocol (CVAP) |
| Queensland | People aged 16 years or older No brand-specific regulations/protocols | Note any other limitations in the product information or as determined by the TGA approval for the vaccines apply. Intern pharmacists can administer the vaccine under the supervision of a pharmacist immuniser. | Drug Therapy Protocol: Pharmacist Vaccination program COVID-19 Vaccine protocols and management templates |
| South Australia | COVID-19 vaccines included on the TGA Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods. No age- or brand-specific regulations/protocols | To be administered in accordance with approved product information and the Australian Government COVID-19 Vaccination Program. | Vaccine Administration Code |
| Tasmania | Vaxzevria (ChAdOx1-S) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 60 years or older for dose 1. Dose 2 can be administered to people over the age of 18 years who had no serious adverse events after dose 1. | Selected community pharmacies with a current Tasmanian Immunisation Program Approval need to apply separately for expansion of scope to include Vaxzevria (ChAdOx1-S) COVID-19 vaccine. | Guidelines for Vaccination Programs Employing Authorised Immunisers |
| Victoria | People approved by the TGA as eligible to receive the vaccine. No age- or brand-specific regulations/protocols | Excluding people ineligible to receive the vaccine in accordance with regulatory approval granted by the TGA and people with contraindications defined in the | Secretary Approval: Pharmacist Immuniser -SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE |

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| | | current edition of the Australian Immunisation Handbook. | Victorian COVID-19 Vaccination Guidelines |
| Western Australia | COVID-19 vaccines registered by the TGA. No age- or brand-specific regulations/protocols | Roll out in accordance with the national rollout plan. Intern pharmacists can administer the vaccine under the supervision of a pharmacist immuniser. | Structured Administration and Supply Arrangement (SASA) – Pharmacists – COVID-19 vaccination |

* These vaccination restrictions only apply to pharmacist immunisers and may differ for other immunisers, such as nurses, who may be administering vaccines in a community pharmacy. COVID-19 vaccines can be administered by those registered to do so and who have completed the Commonwealth training modules specific to the COVID-19 vaccine being administered. Pharmacist immunisers may be able to administer COVID-19 vaccines in places other than a community pharmacy as per jurisdiction standards.

Vaccine nomenclature:

- Vaxzevria (ChAdOx1-S) COVID-19 vaccine (AstraZeneca vaccine)
- Comirnaty (BNT162b2 [mRNA]) COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer vaccine)
- Spikevax (elasomeran) COVID-19 vaccine (Moderna vaccine)