

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
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 (purple tops) – Please note this cannot be administered as a reduced dose to children aged 5–11. Comirnaty (BNT162b2 [mRNA]) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 5–11 years (orange tops) Spikevax (elasomeran) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 12 years or older	A pharmacist immuniser must ensure they remain up to date on any new advice from ATAGI or the TGA regarding additional precautions or consent requirement for the COVID-19 vaccine. 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. There are special requirements for administering COVID-19 vaccine to children aged 5 years to under 12 years.	NSW Pharmacist Immunisation Standards – updated December 2021
Northern Territory	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 OR 18 years or older for a booster dose Spikevax (elasomeran) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 12 years or older OR 18 years or older for a booster dose (Note: booster dose is 50ug/0.25mL)	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. mRNA vaccines are the preferred vaccines for people aged <60 years, pregnant women, third dose primary doses for immunocompromised and boosters.	COVID-19 Vaccination Administration Protocol (CVAP)
Queensland	Comirnaty (BNT162b2 [mRNA]) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 16 years or older OR 18 years or older for a booster dose Vaxzevria (ChAdOx1-S) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 years or older	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.	To be administered in accordance with approved product information and the Australian Government	Vaccine Administration Code

	No age- or brand-specific regulations/protocols	COVID-19 Vaccination Program.	
Tasmania	Spikevax (elasomeran) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 12 years and older Not currently approved for use as a booster	Selected community pharmacies with a current Tasmanian Immunisation Program Approval need to apply separately for expansion of scope to include Vaxzevria (ChAdOx1-S), Comirnaty (BNT162b2 [mRNA]) and Spikevax (elasomeran) COVID-19 vaccines. Intern pharmacists can administer the vaccine under the supervision of a pharmacist immuniser.	Guidelines for Vaccination Programs Employing Authorised Immunisers
	Comirnaty (BNT162b2 [mRNA]) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 12 years or older OR 18 years or older for a booster dose		
	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.		
Victoria	Comirnaty (BNT162b2 [mRNA]) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 5 to <12 years (Paediatric formulation – orange tops) If a child turns 12 between doses they should receive the dose for ≥12 year olds (30ug) for their next dose Note: Dose interval is 8 weeks	Pharmacist immunisers can administer COVID-19 vaccines if authorised under the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2017 (Vic) to administer Schedule 4 poisons, Pharmacists and intern pharmacists who have completed the clinical skills and competency assessment can administer COVID-19 vaccines. All must have completed the mandatory COVID-19 vaccination training.	Secretary Approval: Pharmacist Immuniser -SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE Victorian COVID-19 Vaccination Guidelines
	Comirnaty (BNT162b2 [mRNA]) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 12 years or older OR 18 years or older for a booster dose (adult formulation – purple tops)	Intern pharmacists can only administer the vaccine under the supervision of a pharmacist immuniser. Excluding people ineligible to receive the vaccine in accordance with regulatory approval granted by the TGA and people with contraindications defined in the current edition of the Australian Immunisation Handbook.	
	Spikevax (elasomeran) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 12 years and older	Additional training for administration of COVID-19 vaccines to 5–11 year old children	
	Vaxzevria (ChAdOx1-S) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 years or older	mRNA vaccines are the preferred vaccine for third dose in immunocompromised people aged ≥12 years and for use as booster doses, regardless of which vaccine was given as the primary course.	
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)