

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 COVID-19 vaccines get registered for people under the age of 5 years, pharmacists can only vaccinate those aged 5 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 4)
New South Wales	<p>Vaxzevria (ChAdOx1-S) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 years or older – primary course only*</p> <p>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 years.</p> <p>Comirnaty (BNT162b2 [mRNA]) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 5–11 years (orange tops)</p> <p>Spikevax (elasomeran) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 6 years or older (note: dose for booster and for 6–11 year olds is 50 ug/0.25 mL)</p> <p>Nuvaxovid (SaRS-CoV-2 rS (NXV-CoV-2372) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 years or older – primary course only*</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Intern pharmacists can administer the vaccine under the supervision of a pharmacist immuniser.</p> <p>There are special requirements for administering COVID-19 vaccine to children aged 5 years to under 12 years.</p> <p>* Booster doses of Vaxzevria and Nuvaxovid require written direction of a medical practitioner.</p>	NSW Pharmacist Immunisation Standards
Northern Territory	<p>Vaxzevria (ChAdOx1-S) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 years or older</p> <p>Comirnaty (BNT162b2 [mRNA]) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 5–11 years (10 ug)</p> <p>Comirnaty (BNT162b2 [mRNA]) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 12 years or older OR 16 years or older for a booster dose (30 ug)</p> <p>Spikevax (elasomeran) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 6 years or older OR 18 years or older for a booster dose (note: dose for booster and for 6–11 year olds is 50 ug/0.25 mL)</p>	<p>To be administered in accordance with the COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Protocol (CVAP)</p> <p>Approved as a booster and as an additional winter dose if COVID-19 mRNA vaccine is not considered suitable</p> <p>To be administered in accordance with the COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Protocol (CVAP)</p> <p>mRNA vaccines are the preferred vaccines for people aged <60 years, pregnant women, third dose and primary doses for immunocompromised people, and boosters (including winter dose) for people aged ≥16 years.</p>	COVID-19 Vaccination Administration Protocol (CVAP)

	Nuvaxovid (SaRS-CoV-2 rS (NXV-CoV-2372) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 years or older.	To be administered in accordance with the COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Protocol (CVAP) Approved as a booster and as an additional winter dose if no other COVID-19 vaccine is considered suitable.	
Queensland	Comirnaty (BNT162b2 [mRNA]) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 16 years or older, including a booster for people aged 18 years or older. 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. Some people require referral to a medical practitioner, including those aged ≥85 years, those who have had any vaccination 7 days prior, immunocompromised people, those who have had allergy to any vaccination previously, those requesting a heterologous schedule, those with mast cell activation disorder, and those with certain cardiac conditions. 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 COVID-19 vaccination clinical information
Tasmania	Spikevax (elasomeran) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 12 years and older OR 18 years or older for a booster dose 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. A booster dose for people aged 18 years or older Nuvaxovid (SaRS-CoV-2 rS (NXV-CoV-2372) COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 years or older – primary course only	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]), Spikevax (elasomeran) COVID-19 vaccines and Novavax (Nuvaxovid). mRNA vaccines are preferred vaccines for booster doses. Intern pharmacists can administer the vaccine under the supervision of a pharmacist immuniser.	Guidelines for Vaccination Programs Employing Authorised Immunisers
Victoria	COVID-19 vaccines approved by the TGA No age- or brand-specific regulations/protocols	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. 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. Additional training for administration of COVID-19 vaccines to 5–11 year old children Nuvaxovid and Vaxzevria can be administered as boosters (first or winter booster) only when mRNA vaccines are not suitable.	Secretary Approval: Pharmacist Immuniser -SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE 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)
- Nuvaxovid (SaRS-CoV-2 rS (NXV-CoV-2372) COVID-19 vaccine (Novavax vaccine)