

COVID-19 vaccination 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. 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](#) 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/regulations
Australian Capital Territory	COVID-19 vaccines approved or provisionally approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), and for use in ages they are approved for.	Where a COVID-19 vaccine is approved for use for people aged under 5 years, pharmacists can only vaccinate those aged 5 years or older. Intern pharmacists can administer the vaccine under the supervision of a pharmacist immuniser.	ACT Pharmacist Vaccination Standards
New South Wales	<p>Vaxzevria COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 years or older – primary course only</p> <p>Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 12 years or older</p> <p>Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 5–11 years</p> <p>Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 6 years or older</p> <p>Nuvaxovid COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 years or older – primary course only</p>	<p>There are special requirements for administering COVID-19 vaccine to children aged 5 years to under 12 years.</p> <p>Intern pharmacists can administer the vaccine under the supervision of a pharmacist immuniser.</p> <p>Not to be administered to people with a contraindication or precaution to vaccination unless the only contraindication or precaution is that the person is on anti-coagulant therapy or that the person is pregnant. People with a contraindication or precaution should be referred to a medical practitioner.</p> <p>Booster doses of Vaxzevria and Nuvaxovid as well as primary doses of Nuvaxovid for pregnant women require written direction of a medical practitioner.</p>	NSW Pharmacist Immunisation Standards
Northern Territory	<p>Vaxzevria COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 years or older</p> <p>Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 5–11 years</p> <p>Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 12 years or older OR 16 years or older for a booster dose</p> <p>Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 6 years or older OR 18 years or older for a booster dose</p> <p>Nuvaxovid COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 years or older</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.	COVID-19 Vaccination Administration Protocol (CVAP)
Queensland	COVID-19 vaccines approved by the TGA for people aged 16 years and older. No brand-specific regulations/protocols	<p>Intern pharmacists can administer the vaccine under the supervision of a pharmacist immuniser.</p> <p>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.</p>	Extended Practice Authority - Pharmacists
South Australia	COVID-19 vaccines approved by the TGA. No age- or brand-specific regulations/protocols		Vaccine Administration Code

Tasmania	Vaxzevria COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 years and older	Community pharmacies with a current Tasmanian Immunisation Program Approval may apply for an expanded scope enabling administration of COVID-19 vaccine to children aged 5–11 years. Intern pharmacists can administer the vaccine under the supervision of a pharmacist immuniser. mRNA vaccines are preferred vaccines for people aged under 60 years and for booster doses.	Tasmanian Immunisation Program Guidelines Community pharmacy provision of COVID-19 vaccine in Tasmania Guidelines
	Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 12 years or older OR 16 years or older for a booster dose		
	Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 12 years and older OR 18 years or older for a booster dose		
	Nuvaxovid COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 years or older – primary course only		
Victoria	COVID-19 vaccines approved by the TGA, and for use in ages they are approved for. No brand-specific regulations/protocols	Intern pharmacists can only administer the vaccine under the supervision of a pharmacist immuniser. Additional training for administration of COVID-19 vaccines to children aged 5–11 years	Secretary Approval: Pharmacist Immuniser - SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) VACCINE Victorian COVID-19 Vaccination Guidelines
Western Australia	COVID-19 vaccines approved by the TGA. No age- or brand-specific regulations/protocols	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, and in accordance with the [ATAGI Clinical Guidance](#) and the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#). Pharmacist immunisers may be able to administer COVID-19 vaccines in places other than a community pharmacy as per jurisdictional standards.

Vaccine nomenclature:

- Vaxzevria (ChAdOx1-S) COVID-19 vaccine (AstraZeneca vaccine)
- Comirnaty (BNT162b2 [mRNA]) COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer vaccine)
 - 5–11 years of age (10ug – orange tops)
 - ≥12 years of age primary course and booster (30ug – purple tops)
- Spikevax (elasomeran) COVID-19 vaccine (Moderna vaccine)
 - Primary course for people aged 6–11 years and booster dose for those aged ≥18 years is 50ug.
 - Primary course for people aged ≥12 years is 100ug.
- Nuvaxovid (SaRS-CoV-2 rS (NXV-CoV-2372) COVID-19 vaccine (Novavax vaccine)