



COVID-19 VACCINATION WEBINAR

RACGP

Wednesday 3 March 2021

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Roll-out status



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Roles and Responsibilities



Commonwealth

- Approve and purchase vaccine
- Store and deliver vaccine, monitor wastage and 'track and trace'
- TGA – safety signals – surveillance reporting and analysis
- Fund General Practice, ACCHO
- Partnership funding with jurisdictions
- National booking system planned



Victorian Government

- Commission and support creation of Victorian clinics
- Workforce training, workforce identification and regulatory approval
- Site accreditation for state sites
- Provision of end-to-end COVID vaccine management system
- Clinical management of adverse events following immunisation



Vaccine Providers

- Set up vaccine clinics, administer vaccines
- Complete reporting requirements to AIR and into CVMS
- Report adverse events through existing pathways
- Set up and run specialist pre- and post-vaccine clinics for high risk patients (health services)

Priority cohorts

Phase 1 a - up to 1.4m doses

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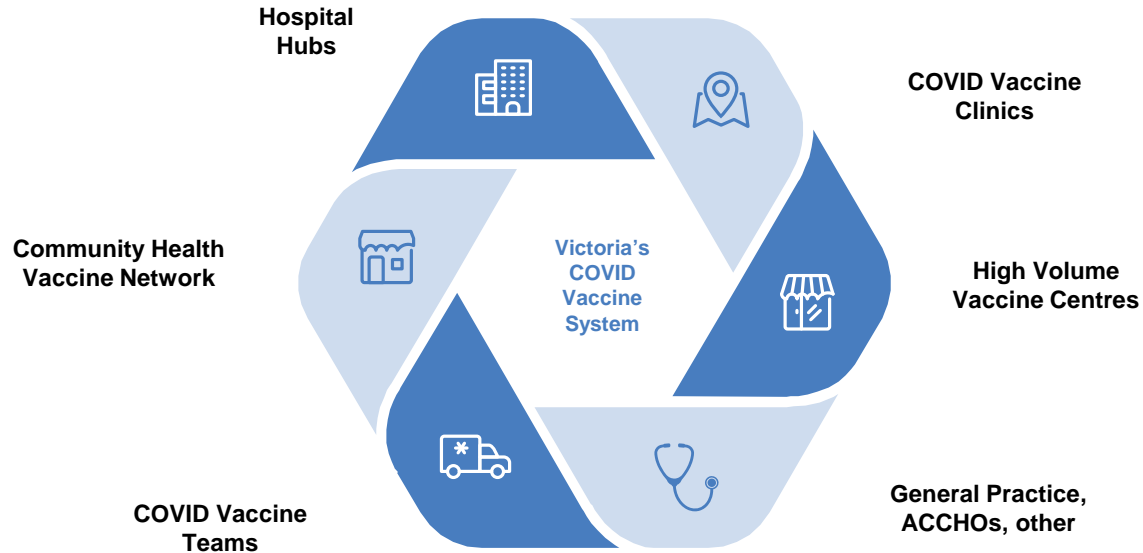
Quarantine and border workers	70,000	Phase 1 b - up to 14.8m doses									
Frontline health care worker sub-groups for prioritisation	100,000	Adults aged 80 years and over	1,045,000	Phase 2 a - up to 15.8m doses							
		Adults aged 70-79 years	1,858,000	Adults aged 60-69 years	2,650,000	Phase 2 b - up to 16m doses					
Aged care and disability care staff	318,000	Other health care workers	953,000			Adults aged 50-59 years	3,080,000	Balance of adult population	6,643,000	Phase 3 - up to 13.6m doses	
		Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people > 55 years	87,000	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 18- 54	387,000					< 18 if recommended	5,670,000
Aged care and disability care residents	190,000	Younger adults with an underlying medical condition, including those with a disability	2,000,000			Other critical and high risk workers	453,000				
		Critical and high risk workers including defense, police, fire, emergency services and meat processing	196,000	Catch up any unvaccinated Australians from previous phases							
Total	678,000	Total	6,139,000		Total	6,570,000					

Source – Australian Government

Population numbers are current estimates for each category.

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COVID vaccine delivery models



Preparation: Engagement and participation

The image shows a Zoom meeting grid with 18 participants. The participants are arranged in a 6x3 grid. The names of the participants are: Tonya, Jade Hart, Aviti Etuale, Aurora Tang (DHHS), Jeantine's iPhone, Celia Tran (VMC), Romika, Krishna Kumar Saxe..., bernie, Karolina - PA/PBN, Emma Kamupala, Te'o Anthony Sofe, marie pewhaira..., Taula Suemai, Mele Makelesi Kava..., Ring Mayarj SSCAV, Rita Seumanutafa, molesi tamate, and Vine's Galaxy A21s.

Overlaid on the right side of the grid is a promotional poster for 'VICTORIA REGIONS' COVID-19 VACCINE CONVERSATIONS: Questions and Answers?'. The poster includes the following information:

- DATE:** Saturday 27th February 2021
- TIME:** 3.00PM-5.30PM
- Zoom ID:** 836 6762 0050
- Passcode:** 569 729
- Organisers:** AfiAus iLEAC, UMSLV, PAADN
- Gender with LUV/PACKS Partners**
- Key presenter:** Prof Ben Cowie, Victoria Dept of Health, Implementation of COVID-19 Immunisation Prog, Executive Director, Engagement & Partnerships
- Main guest speaker:** Vivienne Nguyen, Chair Victoria Multicultural Commission
- Expert Panel:** Doh (DHHS), DFFH, VMC, DET, & African & other CALD communities
- Invited:** African Victorians & other CALD Communities including those in regional Victoria
- Information:** "Together we can go far. Say 'No' to COVID-19 pandemic. DELIVERING RELIEF 'PACKS' with 'LUV'"

Messaging to assist with vaccine hesitancy

COVID-19 vaccines are effective against preventing severe illness and death from COVID-19

- Evidence shows COVID-19 vaccines are effective on new variants but people may need boosters – like the flu.

COVID-19 vaccines help train your immune system to fight against COVID-19

- The vaccines do not give you COVID-19.

Vaccine side affects are usually mild

- Normal side affects usually include soreness, redness, or swelling at the site of injection, a headache or mild fever and fatigue
- Most can be managed – speak to your doctor about concerns

COVID-19 vaccines teach your immune system how to fight COVID-19 virus

- COVID-19 vaccines deliver instructions to your body to support your immune system – these instructions are called messenger RNA and are destroyed quickly after delivering the message.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective

- The Australian Government is monitoring immunisation programs internationally to ensure Australians approve safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines.

Consent

Informed consent - verbal or written is acceptable.

ATAGI guide: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-atagi-immunisation-provider-guide-to-obtaining-informed-consent-for-covid-19-vaccine>

Australian Government optional written consent form:
<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-consent-form-for-covid-19-vaccination>



Post vaccination support

Patients encouraged to report any possible adverse reactions:

- Respond to SMS
- Contact Surveillance of Adverse Events Following Vaccination In the Community (SAEFVIC) <https://www.aefican.org.au/Home/Info/VIC>

Patient or clinician support:

- Victorian Government Coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398 (option 3 for COVID-19 vaccines)

What you can do

- Provide information about the vaccination process through your existing channels
- Address vaccine hesitancy and concerns with patients
- Encourage patients' continued COVIDSafe behaviours
- Encourage testing for any COVID-19 symptoms
- Share your vaccination experience with patients, friends, family and your community

More information

Questions about vaccines and vaccinations	<p>ATAGI advice on influenza and COVID-19 vaccines - www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/atagi-advice-on-influenza-and-covid-19-vaccines</p> <p>Australian Government - www.health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines</p> <p>World Health Organization - www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/covid-19-vaccines</p> <p>Melbourne Vaccine Education Centre - mvec.mcri.edu.au/references/covid-19-vaccines-frequently-asked-questions/</p> <p>NCIRS - www.ncirs.org.au/covid-19/covid-19-vaccines-frequently-asked-questions</p> <p>ASCIA - www.allergy.org.au/patients/ascia-covid-19-vaccination-faq</p> <p>Commonwealth Department of Health - Reporting and managing adverse immunisation reaction events</p> <p>Coronavirus hotline - 1800 675 398</p> <p>Disability resources - www.health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines/getting-vaccinated-for-covid-19/information-for-people-with-disability-about-covid-19-vaccines</p> <p>Consent information - www.health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines/information-for-covid-19-vaccination-providers#consent-information</p>
Clinical COVID-19 vaccine guidance	HealthPathways - (contact your local PHN for access)
Provider resources	<p>www.health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines/information-for-covid-19-vaccination-providers</p> <p>www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/covid-19-vaccination-advice-for-covid-19-vaccine-providers</p>
Questions specific to the vaccination program in Victoria	www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine
Questions about COVIDSafe plans	www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/COVIDSafe-plan
Translated resources	<p>www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19</p> <p>www.health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-information-in-your-language</p>

Q + A

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Wednesday 17 March

Long COVID

Dr. Kate Graham