



Having the COVID-19 vaccine is an important way each of us can help protect our mob from the virus

Where can we get more information?

We can talk to our GP, Aboriginal Medical Service or Aboriginal Health Worker about what is best to help protect us. They can provide information about the COVID-19 vaccines, how to book our vaccination and what to expect.

Or visit

nsw.gov.au

or call the National Coronavirus COVID-19 Vaccine Helpline on

1800 020 080

24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for help.

Ready to make your COVID-19 vaccination appointment?

You can book by **scanning the QR code** which will take you to the **Eligibility Checker** where you can find a clinic near you.



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We all want to help keep our mob safe from COVID-19. And so far, we've done a good job protecting our communities. But we need to keep going.

COVID-19 is still around. It can spread very quickly and could hurt our mob. So, we don't want to wait until it's too late. The COVID-19 vaccine can help protect mob from getting really sick from the virus. It helps protect our community, Elders, family and friends.



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How do we know the vaccine is safe?

All vaccines in Australia are tested to make sure they are safe.

COVID-19 vaccines have been through a lot of testing to help protect us all quickly from the virus. They have been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). This organisation approves all vaccines and medicines before they can be used in Australia. The TGA looked at all the test results from COVID-19 vaccine trials throughout the world to make sure they are safe.

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation also provided advice to health authorities on the use of the COVID-19 vaccines. And all organisations continue to monitor things closely and keep us all informed.



What will happen when we get the vaccine?

When we get the vaccine, our immune system responds so that it is ready to help protect us if we come into contact with COVID-19.

The vaccine might not stop us getting COVID-19, but it helps stop us from getting really sick if we do. It works in the same way as the flu vaccine.

After we have the vaccination, we might feel some side effects. These might include aches and pains, a slight fever or tiredness. It's important to remember that the benefits of getting vaccinated far outweigh the risk of any rare side effects. If we are concerned about any side effects, we should talk to our doctor.

The COVID-19 vaccination needs two doses, which means we need to go to two appointments. Our doctor or health clinic will tell us when to get our second dose.



2 doses



It's okay to have the COVID-19 vaccine before or after our flu vaccine. They just need to be seven days apart.

How do we get the COVID-19 vaccine?

All Aboriginal people 12 years and older are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination.



COVID-19 vaccination is free. To find out where we can get it we can talk to our GP, Aboriginal Medical Service or visit [nsw.gov.au](https://www.nsw.gov.au)



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