



Aged Care Staff: Vaccine Roll Out

Workers in residential aged care will be offered a COVID-19 vaccine depending on their age, in line with the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) recommendations:

People aged 50 years and over will receive the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, and

People aged under 50 years will receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

Residential aged care staff eligibility

Anyone responsible for resident care, support and services, as well as maintenance and administration.

This includes:

- nursing and personal care staff
- allied health professionals
- students on placement, and
- kitchen, cleaning, laundry, garden and office staff.

To find out individual eligibility [use the eligibility checker](#) which will be progressively updated.

A [Fact Sheet, flow chart and poster](#) to provider information about how residential aged care staff can access the vaccine has been prepared by the Department of Health. There is also now a [dedicated webpage](#) which hosts all the information for workers in residential aged care.

It's important that residential aged care workers take proof of age identification and proof of employment to their vaccination appointment.

	Available now	State/territory clinics will offer both the Pfizer and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines to workers depending on their age	Dedicated pop up clinics - restricted to residential aged care workers under 50. DH will contact facilities to advise when a clinic is planned
ACT	Residential aged care workers 50 years and over can access an AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine now by visiting a GP clinic, GP respiratory clinic or Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service. Workers can book with participating clinics directly through the eligibility checker	Clinic details to be published on the eligibility checker on 3 May	Rollout across other locations nationally in the coming weeks
NSW		Local Health Districts will contact facilities directly to advise arrangements	From 3 May: Blacktown Campbelltown Sydney CBD Macquarie Park
NT		Details to be advised shortly	Rollout across other locations nationally in the coming weeks
QLD		Clinic details to be published on the eligibility checker on 3 May	
SA		Clinic details to be published on the eligibility checker on 3 May	
TAS		Clinic details to be published on the eligibility checker on 3 May	
VIC		Details to be advised shortly	
WA		Details to be advised shortly	

On-site vaccination clinics for all workers at your residential aged care facility.

The RFT has been updated to allow facilities to administer both the Pfizer for workers aged under 50 and/or AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines for workers aged 50 and over, in line with the recent ATAGI recommendations and has been simplified based on feedback from facilities that the process was overly complex and time-consuming.

An addendum to the RFT is now available on the [AusTender](#) website.

GPs that are running their own AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccination clinics can also run clinics at your facility at your request for aged care workers aged 50 years and over.

In-reach COVID-19 vaccination clinics by primary care providers

Primary care vaccination providers may administer in-reach COVID-19 vaccination clinics for aged care workers aged 50 and over upon request from a residential aged care provider or Primary Health Network (PHN).

Primary care vaccination providers include:

- General practices
- Commonwealth Vaccination Clinics [General Practitioner led Respiratory Clinics (CVCs)] and,
- Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS).

The aim of these in-reach clinics is to provide an on-site vaccination opportunity for residential aged care staff who are aged 50 and over.

Both the facilities requesting in-reach clinics and the primary care provider willing to deliver the vaccination clinics must engage with the local PHN before and after any in-reach clinic.

Home and community care staff

Staff working in home and community care can continue to access the vaccine through existing channels – use the eligibility checker to find out where and how.

Don't forget that as part of your LASA membership you can contact us for all your specific needs. Please reach out to us during normal business hours by calling **1300 111 636**.



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