



Australian Government



After your COVID-19 vaccination

Please wait at the clinic after your vaccination until:

About the vaccine

Today you have received the COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca.

This vaccine is used to protect people aged 18 years and older against COVID-19. COVID-19 is caused by a virus called coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2). The COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca stimulates the body's immune system to produce its own protection (antibodies) against the virus. This will help to protect you against COVID-19 in the future. None of the ingredients in this vaccine can cause COVID-19.

What to expect after vaccination

As with any vaccine, you may have some side effects after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Common side effects after COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca include:

- Tenderness, pain, warmth, redness, itching or swelling at the injection site
- Generally feeling unwell
- Feeling tired (fatigue)
- Chills, fever or feeling feverish
- Headache
- Feeling sick (nausea)
- Muscle pain/ache, joint pain

Speak to your healthcare provider if you are experiencing these and they are worrying you. Medicines containing paracetamol can be taken if you need relief from side effects such as pain and/or fever.

Tell your healthcare provider straight away or go straight to the Emergency Department if you notice any side effects that are symptomatic of an allergic reaction, including:

- Rash, itching or hives on the skin
- Swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
- Shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing
- Fainting, dizziness, feeling lightheaded (due to a drop in blood pressure)

You should seek medical attention after vaccination if:

- You are worried about a potential side effect or have new or unexpected symptoms.
- You have an expected side effect of the vaccine which has not gone away after a few days.

For symptoms which are not urgent, you can see your regular healthcare provider (usually your GP).

Vaccine safety monitoring and reporting side effects

Suspected side effects can be reported to the Immunisation team on the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738 or directly to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) at the following website:

<https://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-suspected-side-effects-associated-covid-19-vaccine>

COVID-19 testing after vaccination

Some side effects from COVID-19 vaccination might be similar to symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g. fever), though the vaccine does not contain any live virus and cannot cause COVID-19. You may not need to get a COVID-19 test or isolate if you develop general symptoms like fever, headache or tiredness in the first two days after vaccination and if you are sure that you don't have any respiratory symptoms (e.g. runny nose, cough, sore throat, loss of smell or loss of taste). However, you should check the current guidelines in your state/territory for the most up-to-date information. This advice may change in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak in your local area. You may still need to get a COVID-19 test if you meet other criteria, e.g. you are a close contact of a known COVID-19 case. If in doubt, seek medical assessment.

Remember your second appointment

It is important that you receive two doses of COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca at least 12 weeks apart. Maximum protection against COVID-19 will not occur until at least a week after your second dose.

Remember not to have any other vaccination for 2 weeks before or after your COVID-19 vaccination

How is the information you provide at your appointment used

For information on how your personal details are collected, stored and used visit

<https://www.health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines>

You had your vaccine today on: <i>Please wait 15 minutes before leaving the clinic after your vaccination</i>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Your next appointment is for:	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>