



COVID-19 vaccine

Fact sheet about the third dose



This fact sheet is about getting a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.



Dose means how much of a vaccine you get.

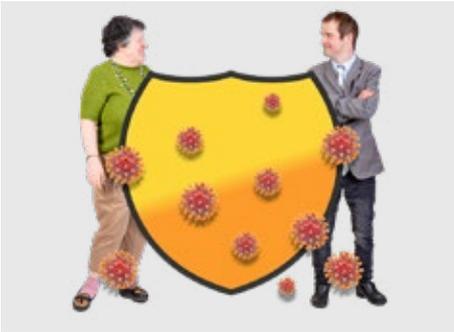


Most people get 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.



Some people might need 3 doses.

Who might need 3 doses



Some people have a weak immune system.

Immune system is how your body helps you fight sickness and stay healthy.



Your immune system might be weak because you are sick or have a health problem.

This means you are **immunocompromised**.



When you are immunocompromised it is much harder for your body to fight sicknesses.



If you are immunocompromised you might need a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine to make sure your body is strong.

How to find out if you need a third dose



You should talk to your doctor if you are immunocompromised.



Your doctor can tell you if you should get a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.



People should get their third dose 2 to 6 months after their second dose.



Your doctor can help you sort out when and where you should get your third dose.

How a third dose will help you



A third dose will help your body fight COVID-19 if you get it.



It will also help make sure you do not get very sick from COVID-19.

What vaccine will you get as third dose



For your third dose you should get Pfizer or Moderna.

Pfizer is also known as Comirnaty.

Moderna is also known as Spikevax.



AstraZeneca is also known as Vaxzevria.

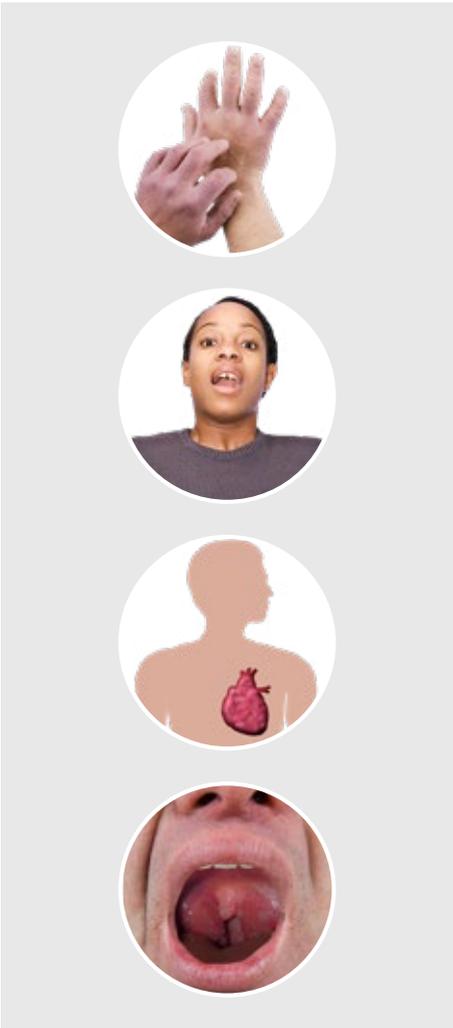
You might be able to get AstraZeneca

- If you had it before
- For health reasons
- Because you are allergic to the others



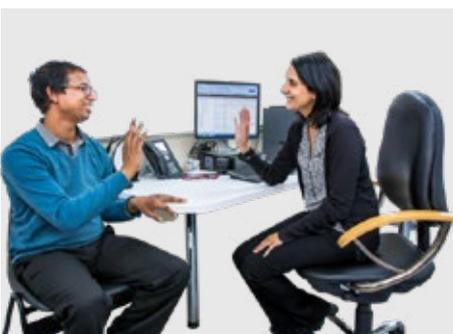
Allergic means your body reacts in a bad way to something in the vaccines.

This can be very dangerous.



When you are allergic you might

- Get an itchy rash
- Find it hard to breathe
- Feel your heart beats faster
- Feel that your tongue or lips get bigger.



You should talk to your doctor about what vaccine is best for you to get as a third dose.

More information



For more information about COVID-19 vaccines

- Call Disability Gateway on **1800 643 787**
- Call the COVID-19 Helpline on **1800 020 080**
- Go to the Department of Health website
www.health.gov.au



If you need information in another language call TIS on **131 450**.

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