

COVID-19 vaccine: 5-11 year olds

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The [Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation \(ATAGI\)](#) recommends the paediatric Pfizer vaccine for 5 to 11 year olds.

All children aged 5-11 years will be eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine from 10 January 2022.

Bookings for children

Your child can get the COVID-19 vaccine at NT Health vaccination centres, participating GP clinics, respiratory clinics, pharmacies, and Aboriginal health clinics.

Book online at <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/stay-safe/booking-your-covid-19-vaccine>

Two doses are required for the best protection

It is important that your child gets two doses of the vaccine to ensure the best protection against COVID-19.

For children aged 5 to 11 years, the recommended time between doses is 8 weeks, and this interval can be shortened to a minimum of 3 weeks in special circumstances.

Consent

As a parent or legal guardian, you will be asked to consent to your child being vaccinated.

Your child's COVID-19 vaccination will be recorded on their Immunisation History Statement.

More information is available via Services Australia

www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/australian-immunisation-register/how-get-immunisation-history-statement.

Frequently asked questions

When are children aged 5-11 years old able to get a COVID-19 vaccine?

It is expected that paediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations will be available to children aged 5 to 11 years from 10 January 2022. This is dependent on the availability of vaccine supply from the Commonwealth Government.

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Where can I make a booking for my child to get the vaccine?

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Why should children get vaccinated?

There are lots of reasons children should get vaccinated against COVID-19, including:

- reducing the severity of illness from COVID-19 including hospitalisation
- reducing the spread of COVID-19 in the community
- protecting your child and family, including grandparents and relatives who may be vulnerable

Which vaccine will my child get?

The [Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation \(ATAGI\)](#) recommends the paediatric Pfizer vaccine for 5 to 11 year olds.

What is the difference between the Pfizer vaccine for adults and children?

ATAGI recommends vaccination with the paediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for all children aged 5-11 years.

The dose is one third of the amount compared to the vaccine for people aged 12 and over.