

COVID-19 is in our community: remember to use your masks properly and dispose of them considerately.

COVID-19 case resources

Resources are available for people who return a positive COVID-19 test result. HealthyWA contains information about looking after yourself, a 'what to do' checklist, quarantine and isolation information, COVID-19 positive children advice, and a symptom diary. The testing and isolation protocols, among other resources, are available on WA.gov.au.

COVID-19 cases and their family / caregivers are encouraged to refer to the resources on [HealthyWA](#) and [WA.gov.au](#) regularly to access the most up to date information.

Winter booster dose recommendations

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) recommends an additional winter booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccination for selected population groups who are at greatest risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and who have received their primary vaccination course and first booster dose. This is to increase protection for people in these groups before winter starts.

These groups are:

- Adults aged 65 years and older
- Residents of aged care or disability care facilities
- People aged 16 years and older with severe immunocompromise (as defined in the ATAGI statement)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 years and older.

ATAGI does not currently recommend an additional booster dose for healthy people who are not in one of the above groups.

The additional winter booster dose can be given:

- from 4 months or longer after the person has received their first booster dose, *or*
- from 4 months after a confirmed COVID-19 infection, if infection occurred since the person's first COVID-19 booster dose.

See the ATAGI statement about recommendations for a winter booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccines recommended for boosters

No booster vaccine is recommended for people aged 5–15 years.

Comirnaty (Pfizer) is the only recommended vaccine for use as a booster for people aged 16–17 years.

For individuals aged 18 years and older, Comirnaty (Pfizer) or Spikevax (Moderna) COVID-19 vaccine are preferred for use as booster doses, however, Nuvaxovid (Novavax) can be used if no other COVID-19 vaccine is considered suitable for that individual.

The AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine is no longer recommended by ATAGI for use as the booster dose for people who received a primary vaccination course of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, although it can still be used for this purpose if these individuals decline receiving an mRNA vaccine as a booster dose.

AstraZeneca is now only recommended when there are medical contraindications to the mRNA vaccines.



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