

Information for SIL Customers: COVID-19 Vaccination Booster or Third Dose



To improve protection from the COVID-19 virus, a **booster** at least 5 months after the second vaccination has been advised by health experts. For some people at high risk of infection (immunocompromised people), a **third dose** at 2-5 months after the second dose is recommended.

Why have another vaccination if I already had two?

A **booster (or third dose)** will make the vaccination stronger and last longer. It will help prevent spread of the virus and protect people from:

- infection with COVID-19
- severe or long illness from COVID-19
- some people dying from COVID-19



What is the difference between a third dose and a booster?

- A **booster** dose is for people 18 years and over five months after their primary two-dose vaccination course to increase immunity against COVID-19.
- A **third dose** should be offered after two months to people who are severely immunocompromised, to improve protection from the standard two doses.
- At this time, a fourth dose is not advised after *a third dose*. We don't know if this will change.



How do I prepare for my booster or third dose vaccination?

1. You will need a completed [COVID-19 Vaccination Consent Form](#)
2. You will need your Medicare Card
3. For Third Dose you will need a letter or a report from your doctor or [COVID-19 Third Dose eligibility declaration form](#)

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Where can I get a booster or third dose vaccination?

- Visit a [state vaccination clinic](#).
- Visit a [vaccinating GP](#).
- Visit a [vaccinating pharmacist with Pfizer vaccines](#).
- You can also search for a local clinic via the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).
- Scope staff can help you to access vaccination at home, this will commence from February 2022.
- You can ask for help from a Disability Liaison Officer – Scope Staff or someone in your support network can help you if to access if you need this; [Disability Liaison Officer Online Form](#)

Does it matter which vaccine I get for a booster or third dose?

The [Pfizer](#) and [Moderna](#) vaccines are approved for booster and third dose. It doesn't matter which vaccine you had for your first and second dose.

Where can I get independent information and advice?

- ✓ Your health provider
- ✓ Your Substitute Decision Maker (if you have one)
- ✓ Your personal support network like family and friends
- ✗ *It is not okay for staff to advise or share in the customers decision making*



Accessible Resources

Vaccination information in [Easy Read](#) and [Auslan](#)
[COVID-19 vaccination: Giving your consent - Easy read](#)
[COVID-19 vaccination: What to expect – Easy Read](#)
[COVID-19 vaccination: The Pfizer vaccine – Easy Read](#)

The Disability Gateway is there to help: Anyone who is worried about COVID-19, can get support on the [Disability Gateway website](#) or by calling 1800 643 787. This call centre operates Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm and is a **free service** that can also assist people to make a booking to get a COVID-19 vaccine if needed.

The booster (or third dose) will help keep you safe from COVID-19