

Preparing for your vaccination

Before your vaccination appointment, you should make sure your details are up to date with Medicare.

If you don't have your account set up, you can:

[enrol in Medicare](#) if you are not already enrolled.

[set up your Medicare online account](#) if you're enrolled in Medicare, but don't have

[get an Individual Health Identifier \(IHI\)](#) if you're not eligible for Medicare.

You can also read this patient factsheet developed by the Australian Government Department of Health <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-preparing-for-covid-19-vaccination>

Please do not come to your vaccination appointment:

- if you are feeling unwell with fever, cough, runny nose or other symptoms that could be from COVID-19
- if you are waiting for COVID-19 test results, or have tested positive for COVID-19
- if you are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, or
- if you are in quarantine.

If you have had another vaccine, for example the influenza vaccination, in the 14 days before your COVID-19 vaccine appointment. Please let us know as we may need to reschedule your appointment.

To keep you and our community safe, before and after vaccination, it is important that you continue to:

- Stay 1.5 metres away from other people and avoid handshakes and contact with people outside your household.
- Stay home if you feel unwell and get tested for COVID-19. You must stay at home until your results come back.
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use hand sanitiser.
- Always cough or sneeze into your arm or a tissue and put the tissue in the bin straight away.
- Download the COVIDSafe app to help health officials let you know if you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19.

To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines, visit [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)

