



Appendix K: Vaccination after testing positive for COVID-19

People who have had COVID-19 can be vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccination can be deferred for up to 3 months as past infection reduces the chance of reinfection for at least this amount of time.

There is no requirement to delay vaccination.

People might choose to be vaccinated if they:

- are significantly immunocompromised and may be at greater risk of getting COVID-19 again
- have a job that requires them to be vaccinated
- have a job that puts them at greater risk of being exposed to COVID-19.

People should delay vaccination until they have recovered from the acute illness.

If a patient tests positive for COVID-19 between their first and second doses, or between their second and booster dose, the patient should delay next dose until they have recovered from the acute illness.

People with prolonged symptoms from COVID-19 beyond 3 months should be vaccinated on a case by case basis.

More information is available in ATAGI's [Expanded Guidance on temporary medical exemptions for COVID-19 vaccines](#).

You can also seek further advice from a [specialist immunisation service](#) if required.