



# COVID-19 Vaccine Checklist

Screen for COVID-19 symptoms

Complete COVID-19 screening questions and temperature check as per usual clinic policy

## PRE – VACCINATION

### Obtain informed consent

Discuss the following with the patient (for further details see COVID-19 Vaccination Consent Information for Providers):

- o Benefits of COVID-19 vaccination
  - o Possible risk of contracting / transmitting COVID-19 despite vaccination
  - o Recommended dose schedule of vaccine (2 primary dose + booster dose 3 + winter booster dose 4 for eligible population groups. For individuals who are immunocompromised: 3 primary dose + booster dose 4 + winter dose 5)
  - o Need to continue with public health measures, including physical distancing, handwashing and COVID-19 testing
  - o Safety of COVID-19 vaccines
  - o Management of side effects and seeking medical attention for side effects
  - o Adverse events monitoring
  - o Provide patient with written vaccine-specific patient information
  - o Verbal consent must be documented in MMEx when the vaccine is recorded in the 'Immunisations' tab
- If patient declines vaccination after receiving information, document informed declination in COVID-19 drop down in MMEx, and inform patient they are welcome to return for COVID-19 vaccine if they change their mind.*

### Check for previous vaccination

- o Have you had a COVID-19 vaccine before? If YES – check brand and the date of receipt on AIR. The same brand should be used for the due dose.

### Check for contraindications

- o Have you had a serious allergy (particularly anaphylaxis) to this vaccine or any of its components before? **If YES - DO NOT PROCEED WITH VACCINATION.** Discuss with on-site or on-call Doctor. See ATAGI Clinical Guidance on COVID-19 Vaccine in Australia 2021.

### Check for precautions

- Are you between 5 and 11 years If YES – the Paediatric Pfizer vaccine is the recommended COVID-19 vaccine. Children aged 5 and 11 years require two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine 8 weeks apart. This can be reduced to three weeks for children at increase risk of severe COVID-19 or in an outbreak response.
- Do you have a fever  $\geq 38.5$ ? **If YES** - arrange clinical review and delay vaccination until recovered.
- Do you have a bleeding disorder or do you take any medicines to thin your blood (anticoagulant)? **If YES** - discuss with doctor prior to administering vaccination. If on warfarin, ensure point-of-care INR checked and is in therapeutic range. Inform patient of risk of haematoma with injection.
- Do you have any serious allergies, particularly anaphylaxis, to anything, or do you carry an EpiPen? **If YES - inform on-site or on-call doctor.** Those with a previous history of anaphylaxis to any substance and/or those who carry an EpiPen should be observed for **at least 30 minutes** following vaccine administration. See ATAGI Clinical Guidance on COVID-19 Vaccine in Australia 2021
- Do you have a systemic mast cell disorder with raised mast cell tryptase that requires treatment? **If YES - inform on-site or on-call doctor and do not proceed with vaccination.** Review or discussion prior to vaccination with specialist is required. See Guide: [Allergy and COVID-19 Vaccination \(ASCIA\)](#)

### Check for special circumstances warranting discussion before vaccination

- Do you have a weakened immune system (immunocompromised)? If YES - COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for people who are immunocompromised because of their increased risk of severe illness with COVID-19. Before vaccination, people with immunocompromise should be counselled about the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccination, and the lack of data in immunocompromised recipients. See [ATAGI clinical guidance on COVID-19 vaccine in Australia 2021](#).
- Have you had COVID-19 before? **If YES** - following a positive COVID-19 infection, people should **wait 3 months** prior to receiving the next scheduled dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Are you pregnant or think you might be pregnant? **If YES** - The Pfizer vaccine is recommended for women who are pregnant. See [Joint statement between RANZCOG and ATAGI about COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant women](#).

