



# COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM UPDATE

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## Phase 1b rollout to commence from 22 March

The Commonwealth Government announced yesterday that [more than 1000](#) general practices, Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Services, and GP-led respiratory clinics will join the vaccination rollout for Phase 1b.

Services will progressively increase in number to more than 4,000 locations by the end of April.

Australians will be able to find a vaccination provider through the national vaccination information and location service, at the [COVID-19 vaccine eligibility checker](#).

Currently, 84 GP clinics in South Australia are listed as COVID-19 vaccine providers by the Commonwealth, noting that this may change over the coming week.

SA Health will be asking the community to be patient while more GPs are added to the list and as GPs prepare their booking systems and set up their vaccination clinics. Many clinics have a waitlist of patients already and will not be able to accept online or phone bookings.

If you have any questions about the rollout in your clinic, please contact the National Vaccine Helpline on 1800 020 080 or email [covidvaccineenquiries@health.gov.au](mailto:covidvaccineenquiries@health.gov.au).

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## Information for patients

- Australian Government's online [COVID-19 vaccine eligibility checker](#)
- National Vaccine Helpline: 1800 020 080
- SA Health [COVID-19 vaccine frequently asked questions](#) (updated regularly)
- Local South Australian information: [www.covidvaccine.sa.gov.au](http://www.covidvaccine.sa.gov.au)

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## Information and resources for vaccine providers

### Department for Health resources

The [Information for vaccine providers](#) page on the Department for Health website includes a range of resources for GPs, including:

- Training information
- Clinical guidance and information
- Consent information, patient resources, and clinic resources.

### SA Health resources

- [SA Health COVID-19 vaccination clinical information](#)
- [#RollUpSA campaign resources](#) (e.g. posters, social media, email banners)

#### **Other useful information and resources**

- [AusVaxSafety – Information for GPs fact sheet](#)
- [ATAGI Clinical guidance on use of COVID-19 vaccine in Australia in 2021](#)
- [Cancer Australia FAQs – COVID-19 vaccines](#)

#### **Reporting suspected adverse events to SA Health**

The preferred method to submit a suspected adverse event report to SA Health is by completing the [online Vaccine Reaction Report Form](#) using the South Australian Vaccine Safety Surveillance System (SAVSS).

Alternatively, complete the [Vaccine Reaction Reporting Form](#) and return by email to [healthvaccinesafety@sa.gov.au](mailto:healthvaccinesafety@sa.gov.au).

#### **Referring patients with a history of severe allergic reactions**

Referrals can be made by GPs to the Specialist Vaccination Clinic via Immunology at the RAH if there is a past history of reaction to the COVID vaccine overseas or here in Australia or when there is a severe immediate hypersensitivity reaction to any vaccines. Referrals can be faxed to outpatients on (08) 7074 6247 or GPs contact the Allergy and Immunology RMO/Registrar for urgent referrals via the RAH switchboard (08) 7074 0000.

#### **TGA advice on advertising COVID-19 vaccines**

The advertising of prescription medicines (including vaccines) to consumers is generally prohibited in Australia. However, some exceptions (such as the use of authorised materials) are in place to support the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines across Australia. For advice on advertising vaccines lawfully, visit the [TGA website](#).

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