



COVID-19 vaccines: Seasonal workers

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Seasonal workers must be vaccinated

- From 26 November 2021, select workers in Victoria must provide evidence to their employer that they have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine (unless they have a medical exemption) to attend work.
- All seasonal workers in horticulture and agriculture are included in these rules and must be vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Anyone doing seasonal work in Victoria must be vaccinated – it does not matter whether you currently or usually live in Victoria, or are staying over the state border from where you are working in Victoria.

COVID-19 vaccines are free and safe

- The COVID-19 vaccine is free for everyone in Australia
- Anyone aged 12 years or older can receive the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine
- All vaccines are carefully tested to make sure they are safe before they are approved for use in Australia
- Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca vaccines do not contain milk, egg, latex, or pork products.
- Women who are pregnant are encouraged to get vaccinated at any stage of their pregnancy.

Getting vaccinated protects you, your family and your community

- Getting the COVID-19 vaccine:
 - reduces your risk of getting COVID-19
 - protects you against becoming very sick or dying if you do get COVID
 - helps protect your family, friends, workmates and community.
- As more people get vaccinated, the virus can't spread as easily. This also protects people who can't get vaccinated.

You do not need a Medicare card or IHI to get vaccinated

- Everyone aged 12 years and over in Victoria can get a COVID-19 vaccine, regardless of visa status.
- You do not need a Medicare card or [Individual Healthcare Identifier](#) to get a COVID-19 vaccine.
- If you do not have a Medicare card, you can choose to get an Individual Healthcare Identifier (IHI) number.
 - Individual Healthcare Identifiers are used to match the correct record to the person being treated
 - Having an Individual Healthcare Identifier makes it easier to get proof of your vaccination
- When you get vaccinated, no identifiable personal information will be shared with external agencies such as housing or immigration.
- Being vaccinated for COVID-19 will not impact your visa status or eligibility for government payments.

You should get vaccinated even if you have had COVID-19

- People who have had COVID-19 should get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they are feeling better.
- If you have been treated in hospital for COVID-19, discuss vaccination with your doctor first.

Get your vaccine doses locally

- You do not need to have both doses of COVID-19 vaccine at the same clinic or even in the same state
- Your vaccine doses will be recorded in the national record system (Australian Immunisation Register)
- Use the same identification (e.g. IHI, passport) for each dose to make sure both doses are linked to you

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