



Phase 1B General Practice Vaccine Rollout

Update – 4 May, 2021

Vaccine Dose Allocation

Since the start of Phase 1b, many general practices have indicated they have capacity to administer more doses than they were allocated. As part of recalibration, the Department has reviewed available vaccine stock to identify opportunities to increase allocations.

Based on the available doses (sourced from unused primary care allocations and doses returned to the Commonwealth by jurisdictions for reallocation), general practice vaccination sites that currently receive 50 or 100 doses a week will receive an immediate increase to their allocation (applicable to orders from 30 April 2021).

These general practice vaccination sites will have their allocation increased from:

- **50 to 150 doses/week (ordered as 300 per fortnight), and**
- **100 to 200 doses/week.**

Practices will be informed of changes to their allocations via PHNs on the morning of Wednesday, 5 May 2021.

The Department is actively reviewing the available doses to identify any opportunities to further increase allocations for all practices, especially to allow for practices to continue to provide first doses whilst also completing second doses.

Standard words

- As part of the recalibration of the COVID-19 Vaccine Program, the Department of Health has reviewed the available vaccine stock and identified opportunities to increase allocations as the vaccine roll-out continues to build momentum, noting that supply is still limited.
- General practice vaccination sites that currently receive 50 doses per week will have their doses tripled to 150 doses per week.
- Those that receive 100 doses per week will have their doses doubled to 200 doses per week.
- This increase comes into effect immediately for any orders that were placed last week or this week (dependent on where their practice falls into the fortnightly ordering cycle) i.e. a practice that ordered 50 doses last week, will instead receive 150 doses.
- The Department of Health acknowledges that there may be some practices who do not wish to increase their allocation.
- Practices do not have to place an order every week/fortnight, and they can use the allocation delivered over a timeframe that works best for them.

Updated Links:

Links to webpages with updated ATAGI Clinical Advice are below:

- [Information on COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine](#)
- [ATAGI immunisation provider guide to obtaining informed consent for COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- [Patient information sheet on AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine and thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome \(TTS\)](#)
- [Information for Immunisation Providers on Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome \(TTS\) following COVID-19 vaccination](#)
- [ATAGI – COVID-19 provider guide for patients with immunocompromise](#)
- [ATAGI – COVID-19 vaccination decision guide for people with immunocompromise](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination decision guide for frail older people, including those in residential aged care facilities](#)
- [ATAGI COVID-19 vaccination decision aid for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or planning pregnancy](#)
- [After your AstraZeneca vaccine](#)
- [Consent form for COVID-19 vaccination](#)

There are also two new documents available:

COVID-19 vaccination decision guide for people receiving palliative care and/or end-of-life care:

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-atagi-decision-guide-for-people-receiving-palliative-care-or-end-of-life-care>

Guidance on the use of multi-dose vials for COVID-19 vaccination:

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-atagi-guidance-on-the-use-of-multi-dose-vials-for-covid-19-vaccination>