



# COVID-19 VACCINATION

## Phase 1B General Practice Vaccine Rollout

### Update – 30 March 2021

#### Key messages from Department of Health:

##### *Access to vaccines for under 18s:*

- The TGA has not approved the AstraZeneca vaccine for people aged under 18. As such people under 18 should not attend primary care vaccine provider sites even if they meet broader Phase 1b criterion.
- The eligibility checker has been updated so anyone under 18 years is not prompted to book through the vaccine clinic finder.
- **If individuals under the age of 18 present for vaccination they should not be given an AstraZeneca vaccine.**
- Whilst Pfizer is approved for people aged 16 years and above, discussions are underway with the states and territories to test if the Pfizer hubs can be accessed by people who are aged between 16 and 18 years and are eligible in Phase 1b. At this stage states and territories are continuing to prioritise their 1a population.

##### *Stock Acceptance and Management Forms:*

- All ordering and stock management for general practices/ACCHs/GPRCs should occur **through the online portal (CVAS)** at [www.health.gov.au/cvas](http://www.health.gov.au/cvas).
  - Stock Acceptance Forms should be completed on the day of delivery (as soon as possible).
  - Stock Management Forms should be completed by 9pm (local time) Friday every week.

### **Key dates:**

- Site codes for Week 4 practices were sent out on Friday 26 March, and all week 4 orders were due by midnight on Monday 29 March, for delivery in the week of 5 April.
- This due date is for all weekly cohorts.
- Once all weekly cohorts have been onboarded, it is planned that there will be a regular ordering cycle. We hope to be able to provide very clear advice on this in the near future.

### **Resources available on the website:**

- The Department's website has been updated to provide a single source of truth, rather than relying on multiple stand-alone FAQ documents. Both general and clinical information will continue to be updated as needed.
  - Consolidated general information can be found here:  
<https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/information-for-covid-19-vaccination-providers/covid-19-vaccine-advice-for-vaccine-providers>
  - Consolidated clinical information can be found here:  
<https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/information-for-covid-19-vaccination-providers/covid-19-vaccine-clinical-considerations>
- The Department has developed resources to combat common myths and misinformation surrounding the vaccines. If practices have noticed patient hesitancy around COVID-19 vaccinations, please direct them to the following page:  
<https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/is-it-true>
- The Department has updated GP resources to ensure Easy Print versions are available on the following pages:
  - [Information on COVID-19 Pfizer \(Comirnaty\) vaccine](#)
  - [After your Pfizer \(Cormirnaty\) COVID-19 vaccine](#)
  - [After your AstraZeneca vaccine](#)
  - [Information on COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine](#)
  - [Preparing for COVID-19 vaccination](#)