

PATIENT INFORMATION

About the COVID-19 Vaccination:

Comirnaty (Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd) is a vaccine that can prevent people from becoming ill from COVID-19. Comirnaty does not contain any live virus, and it cannot give you COVID-19. It contains the genetic code for an important part of the SARS-CoV-2 virus called the spike protein. After getting the vaccine, your body makes copies of the spike protein. Your immune system will then learn to recognise and fight against the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which causes COVID-19. The genetic code is then broken down quickly by the body. Vaccination is voluntary and free.

You can discuss any concerns or questions you have about COVID-19 vaccination with your immunisation provider and/or your GP before you receive the vaccine.

To be vaccinated, you will receive a needle in your arm and will be administered a total of two doses on two separate days. The Comirnaty (Pfizer) Vaccine being 3 weeks apart. Your second vaccination will be booked on the day when you arrive for the first vaccination.

Medical experts have studied COVID-19 vaccines to make sure they are safe. Most side effects are mild and may only last for around 1-2 days. As with any vaccine or medicine, there may be rare and/or unknown side effects.

People with a history of any of the following conditions can receive Comirnaty but advice should be sought from a cardiologist about the best timing of vaccination and whether any additional precautions are recommended:

- Inflammatory cardiac illness e.g., myocarditis, pericarditis, endocarditis
- Acute rheumatic fever
- Dilated cardiomyopathy (for people under 30 years of age)
- Congenital heart disease
- Severe heart failure
- Heart transplant recipients

Please call us on 6165 2444 if you experience any side effects such as sore arm, headache, fever or any other side effects that might concern you.

Some people may still contract COVID-19 after the vaccination, and it is important to follow strict public health precautions as required in your state or territory to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please continue to:

- Keep your distance - stay at least 1.5 metres away from other people
- Wash your hands often with soap and water OR use hand sanitiser
- Wear a mask if advised by your state or territory
- Stay at home if are unwell with cold or flu like symptoms and arrange to get a COVID-19 test

As required by Australian Law, vaccination providers must record all vaccinations on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR). You can view your vaccination record online through your:

- Medicare account
- MyGov account
- MyHealthRecord account