To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines, visit **health.gov.au**

Post-vaccination concerns?

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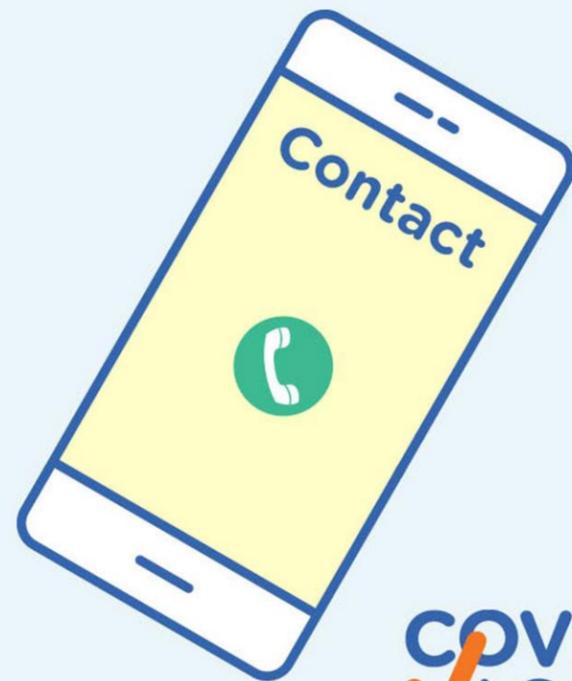
COVID-19 VACCINATION

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Call 1800 020 080 if you have any concerns about symptoms after your vaccine.

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Preparing for your vaccine

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Having a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is one way we can protect our community against coronavirus.

COVID-19 vaccines help to prevent serious illness and death from COVID-19, and they are free for everyone in Australia.

Patrick Street Family Practice is pleased to advise that we are an approved vaccination provider for COVID-19 vaccines. We are happy to help provide COVID-19 immunisation for our local area and wider community.

Vaccine rollout

COVID-19 vaccines are being rolled out to people in phases, with those most at risk receiving their vaccinations first.

To find out if you are eligible to receive the vaccine now, visit **https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility** and complete the COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Checker.

You can then make a booking to receive your vaccine.

Booking your appointment

COVID-19 vaccinations are voluntary and free.

When it is your turn to get vaccinated, you can call us on **5358 7555** to book your appointments to get your first and second doses of the vaccine.

You can also come in to the practice.

Make sure you book an appointment for your first ***and*** second doses. Please give us a call if you need to confirm what the timing should be between the appointments.

Preparing for your vaccination

Before your vaccination appointment, you should make sure your details are up to date with Medicare.

If you don't have your account set up, you can:

- *enrol in Medicare*, if you're not already enrolled.
- *set up your Medicare online account* if you're enrolled in Medicare, but don't have Medicare linked to myGov.
- *get an Individual Health Identifier (IHI)*, if you're not eligible for Medicare.

You can also read this patient factsheet developed by the Australian Government Department of Health:
https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-preparing-for-covid-19-vaccination

Please do not come to your vaccination appointment:

- if you are feeling unwell with fever, cough, runny nose or other symptoms that could be from COVID-19
- if you are waiting for COVID-19 test results, or have tested positive for COVID-19
- if you are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, or
- if you are in quarantine.

If you have had another vaccine, for example the influenza vaccination, in the 14 days before your COVID-19 vaccine appointment, please let us know as we may need to reschedule your appointment.

To keep you and our community safe, before and after vaccination, it is important that you continue to:

- Stay 1.5 metres away from other people and avoid handshakes and contact with people outside your household.
- Stay home if you feel unwell and get tested for COVID-19. You must stay at home until your results come back.
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use hand sanitiser.
- Always cough or sneeze into your arm or a tissue and put the tissue in the bin straight away.
- Download the COVIDSafe app to help health officials let you know if you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19.