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INITIAL TOWNS, SUBURBS AND HUBS FOR COVID-19 VACCINE

Australia's COVID-19 Vaccination Program will commence from next week. People in priority groups who are most at risk and who need protection the most – will receive a vaccine first.

The rollout will begin with the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, and following the approval by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) on Tuesday, will include the AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine from early March.

The initial priority groups include aged care and disability care residents and workers, frontline healthcare workers, and quarantine and border workers.

Minister for Health and Aged Care, Greg Hunt reaffirmed that Australia's vaccine strategy is strong and on schedule.

“Australia will begin rolling out the COVID-19 Vaccination program from next week,” Minister Hunt said.

“This week the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine has arrived in the country and the TGA has approved the AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine. These are two outstanding vaccines that will be available to people in Australia free of charge.”

Frontline healthcare workers and quarantine and border workers will receive the vaccine through Pfizer hubs run by states and territories. In addition, a Commonwealth led in-reach vaccination workforce will ensure residential aged care and disability care residents and staff receive their vaccines.

Minister Hunt said the staged approach to the rollout would ensure those who need the most protection get it first.

“Our frontline border and quarantine workers, and people living and working in residential aged and disability care facilities will be the first to receive their vaccines,” Minister Hunt said.

“The vaccination program will save and protect lives. Both of our vaccines will prevent serious illness. That is our primary goal.”

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation has identified the following people as being eligible for vaccination under phase 1a of the rollout:

- Aged care and group disability care workers and residents, including:
 - residents of aged care and people with disability living in disability residential accommodation
- Quarantine and border workers, including:
 - staff at entry points to the country (such as sea ports and land borders)
 - staff working in quarantine facilities, including those employed under Commonwealth, state or private agreements, and
 - Commonwealth employees (including Defence personnel) who are identified as having the potential to encounter returning travellers as part of their work.
- Frontline health workers (including clinical, medical students and administrative staff) most likely to be exposed to COVID-19 including;
 - frontline staff in facilities or services such as hospital emergency departments, COVID-19 and respiratory wards, Intensive Care Units and High-dependency Units
 - laboratory staff handling potentially infectious material
 - ambulance and paramedics service
 - GP respiratory clinics, and
 - COVID-19 testing facilities.
 - Other health workers will follow in Phase 1B

Thousands of aged care residents in Australia, at more than 240 facilities, will receive their first COVID-19 vaccine dose next week. The facilities are located across Australia in over 190 towns and suburbs in rural and urban areas in every state and territory:

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| NT | ALICE SPRINGS | NSW | HEATHCOTE | VIC | NUNAWADING |
| NT | BRAITLING | NSW | ILLAWONG | VIC | OCEAN GROVE |
| NT | COCONUT GROVE | NSW | JAMISONTOWN | VIC | POINT COOK |
| NT | FANNIE BAY | NSW | MARAYONG | VIC | POINT LONSDALE |
| NT | FARRAR | NSW | MINTO | VIC | PORTARLINGTON |
| NT | NIGHTCLIFF | NSW | MORTDALE | VIC | RINGWOOD |
| NT | TIWI | NSW | MOUNT AUSTIN | VIC | VERMONT |
| QLD | ALBANY CREEK | NSW | NARRABEEN | VIC | VERMONT SOUTH |
| QLD | ASPLEY | NSW | ORANGE | VIC | WALLINGTON |
| QLD | BALD HILLS | NSW | PEAKHURST | VIC | WANTIRNA |
| QLD | BEACONSFIELD | NSW | PENRITH | VIC | WANTIRNA SOUTH |
| QLD | BIRTINYA | NSW | PENSHURST | VIC | WARRAGUL |
| QLD | BRAY PARK | NSW | POINT CLARE | VIC | WENDOUREE |
| QLD | BUDERIM | NSW | PORT MACQUARIE | VIC | WERRIBEE |
| QLD | BUNDABERG | NSW | PRESTONS | TAS | BURNIE |
| QLD | BURLEIGH HEADS | NSW | ROSELANDS | TAS | LEGANA |
| QLD | BURLEIGH WATERS | NSW | SPRINGWOOD | TAS | NEWNHAM |
| QLD | CARSELDINE | NSW | STANWELL PARK | TAS | NEWSTEAD |
| QLD | CLEVELAND | NSW | TARRAWANNA | TAS | NORWOOD |

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| QLD | GLENELLA | NSW | TERREY HILLS | TAS | PENGUIN |
| QLD | GLENVALE | NSW | THIRROUL | TAS | RIVERSIDE |
| QLD | HARRISTOWN | NSW | UMINA BEACH | TAS | SOMERSET |
| QLD | HOPE ISLAND | NSW | WAGGA WAGGA | TAS | ST LEONARDS |
| QLD | KEARNEYS SPRING | NSW | WARRIEWOOD | TAS | ULVERSTONE |
| QLD | KEPNOCK | NSW | WOONONA | TAS | WEST ULVERSTONE |
| QLD | LAWNTON | NSW | WOY WOY | TAS | WYNYARD |
| QLD | MACKAY | ACT | CURTIN | SA | ALDGATE |
| QLD | MERIDAN PLAINS | ACT | FARRER | SA | COWANDILLA |
| QLD | MILLBANK | ACT | GARRAN | SA | ENCOUNTER BAY |
| QLD | MIRANI | ACT | GRIFFITH | SA | EVERARD PARK |
| QLD | MUDGEERABA | ACT | HUGHES | SA | GOOLWA |
| QLD | NORTH BUNDABERG | ACT | NARRABUNDAH | SA | HAHNDORF |
| QLD | NORTH MACKAY | ACT | RED HILL | SA | HEATHFIELD |
| QLD | NORTH TAMBORINE | ACT | STIRLING | SA | LOCKLEYS |
| QLD | PALMWOODS | ACT | WESTON | SA | MARION |
| QLD | PIMPAMA | VIC | BALLARAT | SA | MARLESTON |
| QLD | REDLAND BAY | VIC | BALLARAT EAST | SA | MORPHETTVILLE |
| QLD | ROBINA | VIC | BAYSWATER | SA | MOUNT BARKER |
| QLD | SIPPY DOWNS | VIC | BENDIGO | SA | NORTH PLYMPTON |
| QLD | SOUTH TOOWOOMBA | VIC | BLACKBURN | SA | OAKLANDS PARK |
| QLD | THORNLANDS | VIC | CALIFORNIA GULLY | SA | PORT ELLIOT |
| QLD | TOOWOOMBA | VIC | CANADIAN | SA | URAILDA |
| QLD | UPPER COOMERA | VIC | COWES | SA | VICTOR HARBOR |
| QLD | VARSITY LAKES | VIC | CRANBOURNE | WA | BALCATT |
| QLD | VICTORIA POINT | VIC | CRANBOURNE EAST | WA | BUNBURY |
| QLD | WARANA | VIC | CRESWICK | WA | CALISTA |
| QLD | WEST MACKAY | VIC | DANDENONG | WA | CAREY PARK |
| QLD | WOOMBYE | VIC | DANDENONG NORTH | WA | COOLOONGUP |
| NSW | ALSTONVILLE | VIC | DELACOMBE | WA | DONNYBROOK |
| NSW | AUSTRAL | VIC | DROUIN | WA | EATON |
| NSW | BALLINA | VIC | DRYSDALE | WA | EMU POINT |
| NSW | BANGOR | VIC | EAST BENDIGO | WA | KINGSLEY |
| NSW | BARDEN RIDGE | VIC | FOREST HILL | WA | LOCKYER |
| NSW | BLACKTOWN | VIC | HEATHMONT | WA | MADELEY |
| NSW | COLLAROY | VIC | HOPPERS CROSSING | WA | MARANGAROO |

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| NSW | COLLARROY PLATEAU | VIC | IRONBARK | WA | MIRRABOOKA |
| NSW | CORRIMAL | VIC | JUNCTION VILLAGE | WA | PORT KENNEDY |
| NSW | CRONULLA | VIC | LARA | WA | ROCKINGHAM |
| NSW | DEAN PARK | VIC | LONG GULLY | WA | SHOALWATER |
| NSW | EMU PLAINS | VIC | MOE | WA | SOUTH BUNBURY |
| NSW | ENGADINE | VIC | MORWELL | WA | SPENCER PARK |
| NSW | GLENFIELD | VIC | MOUNT CLEAR | WA | WAIKIKI |
| NSW | GOSFORD WEST | VIC | NEERIM SOUTH | WA | YAKAMIA |
| VIC | ALTONA MEADOWS | VIC | NEWBOROUGH | | |

States and territories will initially have 16 Pfizer vaccination hubs operational across Australia. These first hubs will be at:

- Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (NSW)
- Westmead Hospital (NSW)
- Liverpool Hospital (NSW)
- Monash Medical Centre Clayton (VIC)
- Sunshine Hospital (VIC)
- Austin Health (VIC)
- University Hospital Geelong (VIC)
- Gold Coast University Hospital (QLD)
- Cairns Hospital (QLD)
- Princess Alexandra Hospital (QLD)
- Royal Adelaide Hospital (SA)
- Flinders Medical Centre (SA)
- Perth Children's Hospital (WA)
- Royal Hobart Hospital (TAS)
- The Canberra Hospital (ACT)
- Royal Darwin Hospital (NT)

The remaining phases will be rolled out as the number of vaccines grows.

Vaccines will be available across additional settings including GP clinic and community pharmacy. The staged rollout of COVID-19 vaccines is guided by Australia's COVID-19 Vaccine National Rollout Strategy.

The aim of the vaccination program is to save and protect lives. To keep people out of intensive care and off ventilators. Both vaccines approved for use in Australia do that very well.

Protecting people from serious illness is, and must, be the first priority

Find out more about the rollout and priority groups at: [aus.gov.au](https://www.aus.gov.au)

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