

COVID-19 Vaccination Program

Victorian update

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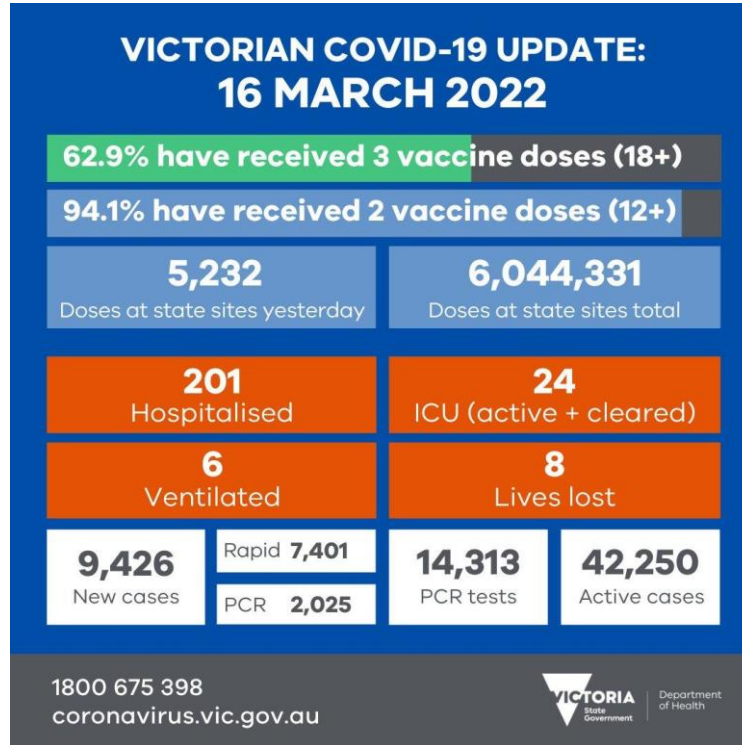
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Daily COVID-19 vaccine data



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What has changed?

1. COVID-19 vaccination after infection and when to delay
2. ATAGI approves Moderna for 6-11 year olds
3. Change to the definition of COVID-19 vaccination status

COVID-19 vaccination after infection

- Vaccination should be **offered to all persons who have previously had SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) infection** regardless of a person's history of symptomatic or asymptomatic infection.
- Vaccination of people with known current COVID-19 should be **deferred until the person has recovered completely from the acute illness** and they have been appropriately **cleared from their isolation**.
- Some immunity will occur from having had COVID-19, however the current recommendation is for vaccination at **the first available opportunity after recovery from COVID-19** and not more than 4 months after COVID-19 disease.

When to delay vaccination after having COVID-19

1. People with **multisystem inflammatory syndrome** should delay vaccination until 3 months after symptoms have resolved.
2. People who have **received monoclonal antibody therapies or convalescent plasma** should delay vaccination until at least 90 days after these have been administered

ATAGI approves Moderna for 6-11 year olds

- The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has approved the Moderna vaccine for individuals aged 6-11 years.
- Children aged 6-11 years will **receive a half dose (0.25mL)** compared to those aged 12 and older.
- Children who turn 12 after their first dose should receive the adult dose of the Moderna vaccine to complete their primary vaccine course. ATAGI does not recommend the use of mixed primary schedule for this age group.
- ATAGI recommend a course of **two doses, administered at least 8 weeks apart** for individuals aged 6-11 years. The interval can be shortened to a minimum of 4 weeks, for children at risk of moderate to severe COVID-19 in special circumstances.
- Preliminary data suggests the **Moderna vaccine elicits strong antibody responses**, with most side effects presenting as mild to moderate.

Change to the definition of COVID-19 vaccination status

- ATAGI has recommended the definition of fully vaccinated against COVID-19 **changes from 'fully vaccinated' to 'up to date'**.
- People aged 16 and over who have received all three vaccinations will now be considered up to date.
- People aged 16 and over who have **not received their third dose within six months of their previous dose will now be considered 'overdue.'**
- People aged five to 15 years will be considered up to date once a primary course of vaccination is complete.
- The change in status will not apply to international travellers arriving in Australia.

Vaccination terminology		
	✓ three doses of COVID-19 vaccine	✗ fully vaccinated
	✓ third dose of COVID-19 vaccine	✗ up to date vaccination
	✓ up to date	✗ booster dose
	✓ overdue	✗ booster
	✓ one dose	✗ booster shot
	✓ at least two doses	
	✓ at least your second dose	
	✓ vaccination for children aged 5 to 11	
	✓ vaccination for children aged 5 and over	

Thank you for participating tonight

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