



Mandatory vaccinations after contracting COVID-19

By getting vaccinated you are helping to keep yourself, your family and your community safe.

Workforces required to receive a third dose by 12 February

Workers eligible for a third dose on or before 12 January in mandated workforces including healthcare, aged care, disability, emergency services, correctional facilities, quarantine accommodation and food distribution will have until 12 February to get their third COVID-19 vaccination dose. Education staff, including subcontractors, will have until 25 February to get their third COVID-19 vaccination dose.

When can a person receive a COVID-19 vaccine dose after contracting COVID-19?

Most people who have tested positive to COVID-19 can get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as their acute symptoms resolve, and they have completed their isolation period.

There is no recommended interval between COVID-19 recovery and receiving a vaccine dose and ATAGI has [no requirement to delay COVID-19](#) vaccination for people who have been infected with COVID-19.

If a person has received specialised treatment for COVID-19 (e.g. anti-SARS-CoV-2 monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma), a 90-day interval is recommended before getting a COVID-19 vaccination.

People with severe and ongoing symptoms may require a [medical exemption](#). This exemption can be for up to 6 months.

More information is available in ATAGI's [Expanded Guidance on temporary medical exemptions for COVID-19 vaccines](#).

A third dose is important to boost protection against COVID-19

Past infection can reduce the risk of reinfection. However, with Delta and Omicron both continuing to spread in Victoria, it is important to boost protection against both strains. Given the significant and ongoing outbreak in Victoria, the Department of Health's advice remains for people to receive their third dose as soon as they can. This will ensure optimal protection and further reduce the risk of reinfection and serious outcomes.

If a person contracts COVID-19 and misses the 12 February deadline

A worker who would have been eligible to receive to receive their third dose on or before 12 January but contracts COVID-19 before receiving their third dose by 12 February will have until the following dates to receive their third dose:

- Residential aged care workers must receive their third dose by 1 March.
- Disability, quarantine accommodation, correctional facilities, emergency services, and food distribution workers must receive their third dose by 12 March.
- Health care workers must receive their third dose by 29 March.

There is more information about worker vaccination requirements on the Department of Health's Coronavirus website: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/worker-vaccination-requirements>

More information

For more information, visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

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