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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:

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

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

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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