

### Key messages for Publications and Spokespeople

- Some, but not all general practices have opted in to deliver COVID-19 vaccines for the next stage of the vaccine rollout, called Phase 1b.
- In addition, Aboriginal Community Health Centres and GP led respiratory clinics will be part of this next Phase 1b rollout.
- Phase 1b is for the over 70's, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders over 55, adults with a specified medical condition, healthcare workers and critical high-risk workers.
- We've already seen a high demand for the COVID-19 vaccine, not just from people who are eligible for Phase 1b but in general.
- There is currently a low risk of contracting COVID-19 in Western Australia and indeed in Australia, so it's important to take the time to check your eligibility in this round before making an appointment or calling your doctor.
- There are things you can do while you wait for your vaccination appointment. You can make sure your Medicare details are correct, continue to practise good hygiene, physical distancing and adhere to local restrictions and understand how to isolate if you need to.
- If you're feeling unwell, don't go to work or to activities in big groups and get tested.
- Check your eligibility or that of a loved one online via the Eligibility Checker: <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility>. If you are eligible, you will be able to view vaccination clinics and book an appointment online or via phone.
- If you prefer not to use the online option, you can call the National Coronavirus and COVID-19 Vaccination Helpline on 1800 020 080.
- Please be patient - the vaccination rollout will go slowly at first with more vaccination sites coming online over the next few weeks. All eligible Australians will have the opportunity to have the vaccination in the coming months.

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