

# Phase 1b COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out through Primary Care Providers – Version 2 updates

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Online Registration	6	<p>Email from <a href="mailto:no-reply@cvas-mail.health.gov.au">no-reply@cvas-mail.health.gov.au</a> will contain a link to access the online portal code submission page, which you can use to register via the online portal.</p> <p>Week 2-4 cohorts will receive their Site Registration Code starting from 15th March 2021, in line with the staggered commencement.</p> <p>Please place your first order as soon as possible upon registration and completion of the AstraZeneca (AZ) Vaccination Site Readiness Checklist and Declaration.</p>
Vaccine information and booking service	10	<p>The COVID-19 Vaccination and Booking Service will go live in the week of 15th March 2021 and practices are encouraged to make appointments available online.</p>
Payments	11	<p>Practices that are approved for PIP are eligible to participate in the PIP COVID-19 Vaccine General Practice Incentive (COVID-19 Incentive). Payment is set at \$10 per eligible patient that has received <b>both</b> a first dose and second dose MBS COVID-19 vaccine suitability assessment services at the same practice in a clinically appropriate timeframe (payable only once per patient).</p> <p>Once a practice is registered for PIP, there is no separate registration process attached, payments will be made automatically.</p> <p>The COVID-19 Incentive payment will be based on the MBS COVID-19 vaccine suitability assessment services provided from March 2021. Payments relating to the COVID-19 Incentive are expected to be received by practices from the August 2021 payment quarter and onwards (paid quarterly).</p>
Eligibility and clinical considerations	12	<p>Practices should only book patients who meet the eligibility for each phase (or the preceding phase of the roll-out). Once Phase 1b commences, this means Phase 1a and Phase 1b priority populations will be eligible.</p> <p>Phase 1a priority populations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarantine and border workers.</li> <li>• Frontline health care workers.</li> <li>• Aged care and disability residents.</li> <li>• Aged care and disability staff.</li> </ul> <p>Phase 1b priority populations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People 70 years of age or older.</li> <li>• Health care workers.</li> <li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults over 55 years.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Younger people with an underlying medical condition, including people with a disability.</li> <li>• Critical and high-risk workers, including Australian Government officials about to be deployed overseas on official government business.</li> </ul>
<b>Contact details</b>	15	<p>Vaccination providers can report an AEFI or a defect with a vaccine by contacting the TGA on 1800 020 653.</p> <p>You should also report AEFIs to state and territory contacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correct contact for ACT: <b>ACT Health Protection Services – Immunisation Team (02) 5124 9800.</b></li> </ul> <p>All other contacts remain the same.</p>
<b>Stock management</b>	16	<p>Vaccine Operation Centre (VOC) contact details listed incorrectly in original version.</p> <p><b>Correct number for VOC is 1800 318 208.</b></p>
<b>Communications (new section)</b>	19	<p><b>Providers Kit</b></p> <p>To support vaccination providers, the Department of Health is developing a Providers Kit which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posters.</li> <li>• Information sheets on the vaccines, and what to do before and after vaccination.</li> <li>• Social media posts and tiles.</li> <li>• Content for Electronic Direct Mail (EDMs) and newsletters.</li> <li>• Standard text for use in SMS and email reminders.</li> </ul> <p>Use of the content of this kit is optional but will support compliance with the TGA advertising Act if you intend to promote the availability of the vaccine.</p> <p>This kit will be provided to all practices as soon as it is finalised.</p> <p><b>Weekly GP Webinars</b></p> <p>We encourage you to attend our weekly GP Webinar where we provide key updates to the sector. The weekly GP Webinars are chaired by Professor Michael Kidd AM and have a few panellists each week. Dr Lucas de Toca from the COVID-19 Primary Care Response is a regular panellist.</p> <p>The weekly GP Webinar is held from 11:30am – 12:30pm each Thursday (AEST) and is available live or on demand.</p>
<b>Appendix AZ – key contacts</b>	20	<p><b>State and territory health departments – adverse effects reporting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACT: ACT Health Protection Services – Immunisation Team (02) 5124 9800.</li> <li>• Tas: submit an AEFI form to <a href="mailto:tas.aefi@health.tas.gov.au">tas.aefi@health.tas.gov.au</a> or call 1800 671 738.</li> </ul> <p>All other contacts remain the same.</p>