



Primary Care Vaccine Roll-out

Provider Bulletin

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Bulletins provide you with regular updates and guidance on the COVID-19 Vaccine Program.

Key Messages

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

PFIZER (XBB.1.5) 12 YEARS+ (GREY) VACCINE

From **Saturday 3 August 2024**, maximum ordering allocations for the Pfizer (XBB.1.5) 12 years+ (Grey) vaccine **will change** from 600 doses to **120 doses per fortnight**. This is to ensure equitable distribution of the vaccine and to **avoid excess wastage**.

If you are running low on stock and require additional doses, you can still request an additional order through the COVID-19 Vaccination Administrative System (CVAS) ordering tab. **Please only order what you need to meet demand.**

There are more than sufficient doses of COVID-19 vaccines to ensure everyone in Australia who are eligible for a vaccination can receive it.

PFIZER (XBB.1.5) 6 MONTHS TO 4 YEARS (MAROON)

The Australian Government will include the **Pfizer (XBB.1.5) 6 months to 4 years (Maroon)** vaccine in the National COVID-19 Vaccination Program (the Program) for administration from **Monday 19 August 2024**.

This vaccine has been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration's (TGA) and reviewed by the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI).

Infants, children, and adolescents aged 6 months to 4 years with conditions that may increase the risk of severe COVID-19 (other than severe immunocompromise) and who have not previously received a dose of COVID-19 vaccine, can consider a primary course with the Pfizer (XBB.1.5) 6 months to 4 years (Maroon) vaccine based on a risk-benefit assessment.

As of **Saturday 27 July 2024**, first orders for the **Pfizer (XBB.1.5) 6 months to 4 years (Maroon)** vaccine opened for sites who are currently participating in the Program. Sites can place an order in CVAS via the ordering tab.

The Pfizer 6 months-4 years (Maroon) (ancestral formulation) vaccine is due to expire in the coming months. It will soon no longer be available in the Program.

For patient eligibility for this vaccine, please refer to the [Australian Immunisation Handbook COVID-19 Chapter](#)

REMINDERS

2024 COVID-19 Booster Dose Eligibility

In 2024, those aged:

- 75 years and over continue to be **recommended** a dose of COVID-19 vaccine every **6 months**.
- 65 years and over, and adults with severe immunocompromise, continue to be **eligible** to receive a COVID-19 vaccine dose every **6 months**.
- all other adults can receive a **single dose this year**.

For clinical recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines, please refer to [COVID-19](#) in the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#).

2024 COVID-19 Booster Dose Recommendations

Age	With severe immunocompromise [#]	Without severe immunocompromise [#]
≥ 75 years	Recommended every 6 months	
65-74 years	Recommended every 12 months and eligible for a dose every 6 months	
18-64 years	Recommended every 12 months and eligible for a dose every 6 months	Eligible for a dose every 12 months
5-17 years	Eligible every 12 months	Not recommended
<5 years	Not recommended	

[#]for details refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook

For further information about 2024 COVID-19 Booster Dose Recommendations please refer to the Department of Health and Aged Care web site [COVID-19 vaccine advice and recommendations for 2024](#).