

MBS COVID-19 Vaccine Suitability Assessment Items

From March 2021, 16 new Medicare Benefit Schedule (MBS) items will be available to enable GPs and suitably qualified health professionals to assess patients for their suitability to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccine suitability assessment items must be bulk billed and be a face-to-face attendance with the GP or suitably qualified health professional, in practice, home visit or Residential Aged Care Facility (RACF). A dose of COVID-19 vaccine must be immediately available for administration to the patient in any of these attendances. Patients must be Medicare-eligible, aged ≥ 18 years and be eligible under Phase 1B COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout, or see the Vaccines Eligibility Checker.

COVID-19 vaccine suitability assessment items will only attract a Medicare rebate where the service is billed in the name of the supervising GP, who must be present at the location at which the vaccine suitability assessment service is undertaken and must accept full responsibility for the service.

Patients are expected to receive the MBS vaccine suitability assessment service twice, once at the same time they receive the first dose and again when they receive the second or subsequent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

The vaccine can be administered by a GP, a registered nurse or other suitably qualified health professional registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law. GPs and suitably qualified health professionals who provide a vaccination to a patient must be appropriately qualified and trained to provide an immunisation to the patient. This includes having completed any mandatory Commonwealth training associated with the delivery of COVID-19 vaccination services.

Further Information

- Further information and FAQ's on the COVID-19 Vaccination Rollout can be found on the Practice Assist website.
- MBS COVID-19 Vaccine Suitability Assessment Service Factsheet
- COVID-19 Vaccine National Roll-out Strategy
- COVID-19 Vaccination Training Program
- The full item descriptor(s) and information on other changes to the MBS can be viewed on the MBS Online website, where you can also subscribe to future MBS updates by clicking 'subscribe'.
- The Department of Health provides email advice for providers about the interpretation of the MBS items and rules, and the Health Insurance Act and associated regulations. If you have a query relating exclusively to the interpretation of the MBS, email askMBS@health.gov.au
- To receive regular updates, subscribe to News for health professionals on the Services Australia website.

*Whilst all care has been taken in preparing this document, this information is a guide only and subject to change without notice. Source: www.mbsonline.gov.au (March 2021) – refer to source for full item details including eligibility and restrictions. *75% and/or 85%/100% rebate also applies to some of these item numbers. **Refer to MBS (Medicare Benefit Schedule) for full patient eligibility guidelines.*

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COVID-19 vaccine suitability assessment items - First Dose			
Item*	Modified Monash Area ¹	Time ²	Type of Practitioner
93624	MMM 1	In Hours	GP – Vocationally Registered (VR)
93626	MMM 1	In Hours	OMP – Non-Vocationally Registered (N-VR)
93634	MMM 1	After Hours	GP – Vocationally Registered (VR)
93627	MMM 1	After Hours	OMP – Non-Vocationally Registered (N-VR)
93625	MMM 2-7	In Hours	GP – Vocationally Registered (VR)
93636	MMM 2-7	In Hours	OMP – Non-Vocationally Registered (N-VR)
93635	MMM 2-7	After Hours	GP – Vocationally Registered (VR)
93637	MMM 2-7	After Hours	OMP – Non-Vocationally Registered (N-VR)

COVID-19 vaccine suitability assessment items – Second Dose			
Item	Location	Time	Type of Practitioner
93644	MMM 1	In Hours	GP – Vocationally Registered (VR)
93646	MMM 1	In Hours	OMP – Non-Vocationally Registered (N-VR)
93653	MMM 1	After Hours	GP – Vocationally Registered (VR)
93655	MMM 1	After Hours	OMP – Non-Vocationally Registered (N-VR)
93645	MMM 2-7	In Hours	GP – Vocationally Registered (VR)
93647	MMM 2-7	In Hours	OMP – Non-Vocationally Registered (N-VR)
93654	MMM 2-7	After Hours	GP – Vocationally Registered (VR)
93656	MMM 2-7	After Hours	OMP – Non-Vocationally Registered (N-VR)

¹Modified Monash location map available at : <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator>

²In Hours – 8am to 8pm weekdays, 8am to 1pm Saturday

After Hours – Public Holidays, Sunday, before 8am or after 1pm Saturday, before 8am or after 8pm weekdays.

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