

COVID-19 Information for Multicultural LGBTIQ+ Communities

Will I get side-effects after my vaccine?

- You **might experience side-effects** after the first dose, second dose or both doses of a COVID-19 vaccine
- Common and expected side-effects can include pain where you had the injection; feeling tired; muscle aches; headache; fever and chills; and joint pain
- **Side-effects are usually mild** and last one or two days

Are there more serious side-effects?

- There is **a very rare chance** you might experience more serious side effects
- You can check the **Victorian Government website's information on more serious side-effects** or talk to your doctor to find out more



What if I become sick after my vaccine?

If you become sick or feel unwell after your vaccine, you should see your doctor or healthcare provider as soon as you can. If you cannot see your doctor, you should call:

- **Nurse-on-Call** on **1300 60 60 24**
- The **National Coronavirus Hotline** on **1800 020 080**
- **000** if you have difficulty breathing or a fast heartbeat, are wheezing, are very sick, or feel very unwell

All these numbers are available 24 hours a day.

The Australian Government is developing a **claims scheme** for people who have experienced a moderate to significant impact following a strong reaction to a COVID-19 vaccine.



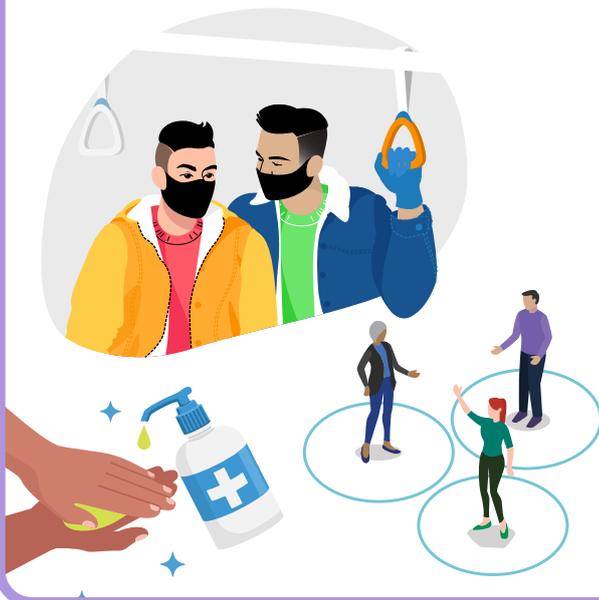
Can I still spread or get COVID-19 after I've been vaccinated?

After you have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19:

- > You are **less likely to catch** COVID-19
- > You are **less likely to spread** COVID-19 to others
- > You are **less likely to get very sick** if you do catch COVID-19

There is still a chance that you can catch the virus and spread it if you are vaccinated. To keep yourself and others safe:

- > You still need to **practice COVID-safe behaviours** (including wearing a fitted face mask)
- > You still need to **follow current restrictions**



How do I prove that I am vaccinated against COVID-19?

Once you are fully vaccinated, a **COVID-19 digital certificate** is automatically created for you.

There are three ways you can get your certificate:



- > **If you have Medicare**, you can get your certificate through the **Express Plus Medicare app** or **myGov**

- > If you don't have Medicare but have an Individual Healthcare Identifier, you can **request a certificate online** through myGov

- > If you don't have Medicare or an IHI, you can **call the Australian Immunisation Register for a paper certificate**



You can **add your COVID-19 digital certificate** to the Service Victoria app or **show a paper copy**.



You can also now get an **International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate** to help you prove you have been fully vaccinated when you travel overseas.

cfre.org.au/lgbtiq-covid



The information in this factsheet is current at 29 October 2021.

Information comes from the Victorian Department of Health and the Australian Department of Health. You can get more information about COVID-19 safety and vaccines in other languages from the [Victorian Government website](#) and the [Australian Government website](#).



We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where we work and pay respects to elders past, present and future.