

## COVID-19 Information for Multicultural LGBTIQ+ Communities

### How do I get vaccinated?

There are a few ways to get vaccinated:

- **Book an appointment at a vaccination centre** through the [Victorian Government's online booking system](#)
- **Call the Victorian Government's COVID-19 hotline** on **1800 675 398** [press 0 for an interpreter]
- **Book an appointment** at a participating GP clinic, pharmacy or community health service
- **Make a group appointment** to get vaccinated with other people you know
- **Visit a mobile or 'pop-up'** (temporary) vaccination hub

When you book a vaccination appointment, you'll be asked a few questions to confirm your eligibility.

You may be asked about your ethnicity, country or birth or language – this information helps the Victorian Government understand how it can support different communities.



### What do I need to know about getting vaccinated?

- When you arrive, you might be asked to **swap your face mask** for a new disposable face mask
- **Bring one form of identification with you** [e.g., a driver's license, passport or student ID]
- You **don't need a Medicare card or an Individual Healthcare Identifier** to get vaccinated
- You **might be asked some questions** about your health
- The vaccine will be **injected into your upper arm**
- After your vaccine, **you'll be asked to sit in a waiting area for 15 minutes** in case you have any immediate side-effects

Amaze and National Disability Services have created [social scripts in Easy English](#) that tell you what you can expect when you get vaccinated.



### Is the vaccine painful?

It is usually not painful, and it is very quick. You might feel a quick sharp sting from the needle.

### I'm not great with needles – what can I do?

When you are with the doctor or nurse giving the vaccine, tell them you are nervous about needles. They can help you feel more comfortable when you get the vaccine.

### Can I get an interpreter?

You can ask for a telephone interpreter when you book your appointment. You can also bring your own interpreter (they can also be your support person).



### What should I wear?

You should wear clothes with **easy access to your upper arm** (e.g., a T-shirt, short sleeve shirt or sleeveless top).



### What options are there for people with a disability?

- > People with a disability **do not need to make a booking** to get vaccinated at a Victorian Government vaccination centre
- > **Disability Liaison Officers** can help you access vaccinations (including if you can't go to a vaccination centre)
- > **Several vaccination centres in Melbourne and regional Victoria** have enhanced accessibility including on-site hearing augmentation devices and communication tools



### Can someone come with me when I get vaccinated?

A support person like a family member or friend can come with you. They can be with you the whole time or they can wait outside.



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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.