

Tuesday 4th May 2021

Dear St Basil's in-home and community aged care workers,

COVID-19 Vaccine for in-home and community aged care workers

I am pleased to advise you that the Australian Government is making it possible for workers of in-home and community aged care to get vaccinated quickly and safely. The COVID-19 vaccine is voluntary, but strongly encouraged by the Government.

How in-home and community aged care workers can access a COVID-19 vaccine

Workers will be offered a COVID-19 vaccine depending on their age which is in line with the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation recommendations:

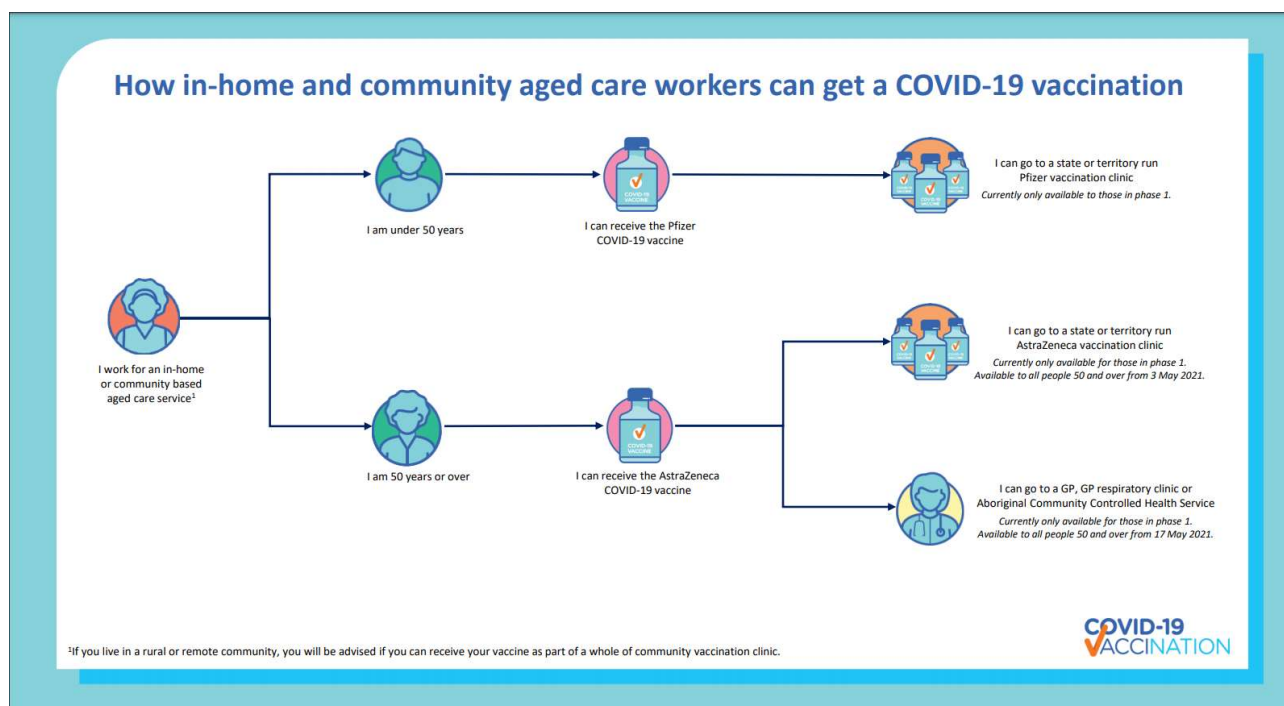
- **People aged under 50** will receive the Pfizer vaccine
- **People aged 50 and over** will receive the AstraZeneca vaccine.

In-home and community aged care workers 50 years and over can access an AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine at a:

- GP clinic, GP respiratory clinic or Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service
- state and territory AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine clinic.

In-home and community aged care workers aged under 50 years can access a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at:

- a state and territory Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination clinic.



How do I show I am eligible to receive a vaccine?

Aged care workers can confirm eligibility by providing **one** of the following documents at your vaccine appointment:

- current work ID card showing employment in a relevant occupation
- letter from employer or payslip confirming you are currently employed in aged care
- a completed [Eligibility Declaration Form](#).

You will also need to take proof of age (e.g. driver's licence, passport, birth certificate) with you to your appointment. You may also wish to take your Medicare Card with you so that the vaccination details are added to your Immunisation Register.

Can I get a flu vaccine at the same time as a COVID-19 vaccine?

It is recommended you wait 14 days between getting a flu vaccine and a COVID-19 vaccine. It is important to plan for both vaccinations.

Flu vaccinations for residents and staff should occur:

- 14 or more days **before** your first Pfizer dose
- 14 or more days **after** your second (and final) Pfizer dose
- 14 or more days **before or after** your first AstraZeneca dose
- 14 or more days **before or after** your second (and final) AstraZeneca dose.

If you do receive the vaccination and once complete, please provide your Manager with a copy of the vaccination record for St Basil's files.

There are several options for booking in to receive your COVID-19 vaccination depending on your age. [Check your eligibility and find the location of your vaccination options now](#)

For more details [visit our staff web page now](#)

Yours sincerely,



Spiro Stavis, CEO