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Dear Australian,

To protect yourself, your loved ones and your community, we urge you to get your COVID-19 vaccination which is available to you right now.

Australia has done well with the dual challenges of the pandemic and its economic consequences because every Australian has followed the expert health advice and cared for each other.

The expert health advice is very clear, people over 60 have a greatly increased risk of getting severe disease with COVID-19 and must be vaccinated as soon as possible. The recent outbreaks of the new more infectious strains of the COVID-19 virus, with tragic deaths in New South Wales, make it even more important that Australians over 60 get vaccinated now.

If you are one of the over 80 per cent of over 60-year-olds already vaccinated with your first dose, thank you for keeping our country safe and for setting a great example to others. Your vaccination will not only help protect you and your loved ones from hospitalisation and death from COVID-19, but also ensure we can all move towards our return to normal sooner.

If you haven't booked in your vaccine, we encourage you to do so now. The Australian Government is making it easier for you to access a vaccine. We have expanded the number of community pharmacies who are administering the highly effective AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine around the country, this is in addition to over 5,100 general practices. This gives you, your family, and your loved ones more opportunities to get vaccinated.

The Australian Government has secured more than enough doses for everybody with even more locations now available to get your vaccination.

Please speak to your health practitioner about arming yourself with a COVID-19 vaccination, or you can go to australia.gov.au or call 1800 020 080 to book your vaccination.

Just as we've done since the beginning of this pandemic, we'll get through this together, and life can start returning to normal.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister

The Hon Greg Hunt MP
Minister for Health

Professor Paul Kelly
Chief Medical Officer



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ARM yourself AGAINST COVID-19

WE'RE NOT SAFE UNTIL WE'RE ALL SAFE

Every vaccinated person helps arm themselves, their family, friends and community from COVID-19 – especially older Australians, who are at most risk of severe illness and possibly death.

All COVID-19 vaccines are carefully assessed by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), and independent clinical experts, to ensure they are effective and meet Australia's high quality standards.

Find a clinic and make a booking

It's easy to book your appointment at a clinic that's convenient for you.

Simply visit www.australia.gov.au to make a booking. You may be redirected to your state or territory health website to book in.



Don't forget to book your second dose for the best protection against COVID-19.

Financial help

Services Australia has financial help if you're affected by COVID-19. The payment you may be able to get depends on your situation. For more information go to www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/COVID19

Have a question about the COVID-19 vaccines?

It's important to get credible information to help you make informed choices about COVID-19 vaccination.

The "is it true" webpage at www.health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines will help answer common questions about COVID-19 vaccines. For more specific questions about the COVID-19 vaccines and your medical history, speak to your health professional.

Further contacts

National Coronavirus Helpline: 1800 020 080

If you need information in a language other than English, call the **Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)** on 131 450

People with disability, their families and carers can contact the **Disability Gateway Helpline:** 1800 643 787 or visit www.disabilitygateway.gov.au

If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, you can call the **National Relay Service** on 133 677.

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