



Primary Care Vaccine Roll-out

Pharmacy Bulletin

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Bulletins provide you with regular updates and guidance on the COVID-19 Vaccine Program.

Key Messages

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

PFIZER (XBB.1.5) 12 YEARS+ (GREY) VACCINE

From **Saturday 3 August 2024**, maximum ordering allocations for the Pfizer (XBB.1.5) 12 years+ (Grey) vaccine **will change** from 600 doses to **120 doses per fortnight**. This is to ensure equitable distribution of the vaccine and to **avoid excess wastage**.

If you are running low on stock and require additional doses, you can still request an additional order through the COVID-19 Vaccination Administrative System (CVAS) ordering tab. **Please only order what you need to meet demand.**

There are more than sufficient doses of COVID-19 vaccines to ensure everyone in Australia who are eligible for a vaccination can receive it.

REMINDERS

2024 COVID-19 Booster Dose Eligibility

In 2024, those aged:

- 75 years and over continue to be **recommended** a dose of COVID-19 vaccine every **6 months**.
- 65 years and over, and adults with severe immunocompromise, continue to be **eligible** to receive a COVID-19 vaccine dose every **6 months**.
- all other adults can receive a **single dose this year**.

For clinical recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines, please refer to [COVID-19](#) in the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#).

Age	With severe immunocompromise [#]	Without severe immunocompromise [#]
≥ 75 years	Recommended every 6 months	
65-74 years	Recommended every 12 months and eligible for a dose every 6 months	
18-64 years	Recommended every 12 months and eligible for a dose every 6 months	Eligible for a dose every 12 months
5-17 years	Eligible every 12 months	Not recommended
<5 years	Not recommended	

[#]for details refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook

For further information about 2024 COVID-19 Booster Dose Recommendations please refer to the Department of Health and Aged Care web site [COVID-19 vaccine advice and recommendations for 2024](#).