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Congratulations and Thank you – you have completed the 2021 Pfizer Covid19 Vaccination Program

Please take the time to read through this information while you wait to be immunised.

If you have any significant concerns, please inform your immuniser

Consent form for 2nd Comirnaty (Pfizer) COVID-19 vaccination

About COVID-19 vaccination

People who have a COVID-19 vaccination have a much lower chance of getting sick from the disease called COVID-19.

There are two brands of vaccine in use in Australia. Both are effective and safe. Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine is preferred over AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine for adults under 60 years of age.

You need to have two doses of the same brand of vaccine. Based on your eligibility, Blackburn Clinic has administered you with the Pfizer vaccine.

Medical experts have studied COVID-19 vaccines to make sure they are safe. Most side effects are mild. They may start on the day of vaccination and last for around 1-2 days. As with any vaccine or medicine, there may be rare and/or unknown side effects.

A very rare side effect of blood clotting (thrombosis) with low blood platelet levels (thrombocytopenia) has been reported following vaccination with the COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca. This is not seen Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine.

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effects after vaccination that you are worried about.

Some people may still get COVID-19 after vaccination. You must still follow public health precautions as required in your state or territory to stop the spread of COVID-19 including:

- keep your distance – stay at least 1.5 metres away from other people
- washing your hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitiser
- wear a mask
- stay home if you are unwell with cold or flu-like symptoms, and arrange to get a COVID-19 test.

Vaccination providers record all vaccinations on the Australian Immunisation Register, as required by Australian law. You can view your vaccination record online through your:

- Medicare account
- MyGov account
- MyHealthRecord account.

How the information you provide is used

For information on how your personal details are collected, stored and used visit <https://www.health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines>.

On the day you receive your vaccine

Before you get vaccinated, tell the person giving you the vaccination if you:

- Have had an allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis (a severe allergic reaction) to a previous dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, to an ingredient of a COVID-19 vaccine, or to other vaccines or medications.
- Are immunocompromised. This means that you have a weakened immune system that may make it harder for you to fight infections and other diseases. You can still have a COVID-19 vaccine, but may wish to consider the best timing of vaccination depending on your underlying condition and/or treatment.

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you had an allergic reaction to a previous dose of a COVID-19 vaccine?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you had anaphylaxis to another vaccine or medication?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have a mast cell disorder?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you had COVID-19 before?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have a bleeding disorder?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you take any medicine to thin your blood (an anticoagulant therapy)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have a weakened immune system (immunocompromised)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you pregnant?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you been sick with a cough, sore throat, fever or are feeling sick in another way?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you had a COVID-19 vaccination before?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you received any other vaccination in the last 7 days?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you ever had myocarditis or pericarditis?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you currently have, or have you recently had acute rheumatic fever or endocarditis?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have congenital heart disease?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	For people under 30 years of age: do you have dilated cardiomyopathy?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have severe heart failure?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you a recipient of a heart transplant?

Please let your immuniser know if your answer to any of the above questions is 'Yes'.



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After your 2nd Comirnaty (Pfizer) COVID-19 vaccination

About the vaccine

Today you have received the **Comirnaty (Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd) vaccine**.

This vaccine can prevent people from becoming ill from COVID-19. Comirnaty does not contain any live virus, and it cannot give you COVID-19. It contains the genetic code for an important part of the SARS-CoV-2 virus called the spike protein. After getting the vaccine, your body makes copies of the spike protein. Your immune system will then learn to recognise and fight against the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The genetic code is broken down quickly by the body.

What to expect after vaccination

As with any vaccine, you may have some side effects after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Common side effects after **Comirnaty** include:

- pain or swelling at the injection site
- tiredness
- headache
- muscle pain
- fever and chills
- joint pain.

Less common side effects after **Comirnaty** include:

- redness at the injection site
- nausea
- enlarged lymph nodes
- feeling unwell
- pain in limb
- insomnia
- itching at the injection site.

These side effects are usually mild and usually go away within one or two days. **Some recipients will experience more significant flu-like symptoms from this vaccination compared to other common vaccinations and may require time away from normal activities. These symptoms may occur after either dose but are more common after the second dose.**



If you experience pain at the injection site or fever, headaches or body aches after vaccination, you can take paracetamol or ibuprofen. These help to reduce some of the above symptoms (you do not need to take paracetamol or ibuprofen before vaccination). If there is swelling at the injection site, you can use a cold compress.

Rare side effects that have been reported after **Comirnaty** are:

- severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).

You should seek medical attention after vaccination if:

- you think you are having an allergic reaction. Call 000 if you experience severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, wheezing, a fast heartbeat or collapsing
- you are worried about a potential side effect or have new or unexpected symptoms
- you have an expected side effect of the vaccine which has not gone away after a few days.

For symptoms which are not urgent, you can see your regular healthcare provider (usually your GP).

Vaccine safety monitoring and reporting side effects

You can report suspected side effects to your vaccination provider or other healthcare professional. They will then make a formal report on your behalf to your state or territory health department or directly to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

If you would prefer to report it yourself, please visit the [reporting suspected side effects associated with a COVID-19 vaccine webpage](#) on the TGA website and follow the directions on the page.

COVID-19 testing after vaccination

Some side effects from COVID-19 vaccination might be similar to symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g. fever). However, Comirnaty does not contain any live virus and cannot cause COVID-19. You may not need to get a COVID-19 test or isolate:

- if you develop general symptoms like fever, headache or tiredness in the first two days after vaccination, and
- if you are sure that you don't have any respiratory symptoms (e.g. runny nose, cough, sore throat, loss of smell or loss of taste).

However, you should check the current guidelines in your state/territory for the most up-to-date information. This advice may change in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak in your local area. You may still need to get a COVID-19 test if you meet other criteria, for example if you are a close contact of a known COVID-19 case. If in doubt, seek medical assessment.

How is the information you provide at your appointment used

For information on how your personal details are collected, stored and used visit <https://www.health.gov.au/using-our-websites/privacy/privacy-notice-for-covid-19-vaccinations>

Blackburn Clinic would like to thank all of our patients – pre-existing and new – for your support over the past 18 months.

We would also like to acknowledge the amazing efforts of our staff during a difficult time and under challenging circumstances. We are sure that you appreciate them as much as we do.