

COVID-19 VACCINATION

Your appointment at the Kingscote COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Thank you for rolling up your sleeve to get vaccinated against COVID-19 to protect yourself, your loved ones and our community.

This fact sheet provides information about your visit to the clinic.

Clinic location

The Kingscote COVID-19 vaccination clinic is located at:

- > Kingscote Town Hall (5 Murray Street, Kingscote)



How to get to the clinic

By car

Public parking is available at the rear of the Town Hall, and along Murray Street and Osmond Terrace. Please observe any time limit signage.

What to bring to your appointment

You will need to bring some identification which verifies your Kangaroo Island address. This may be a driver's licence or utility bill.

Additionally, please bring your Medicare card.

On the day of your appointment

Please wear loose clothing to your appointment that enables easy access to your upper arm where you will receive the vaccination.

1. Before you enter the clinic, use the mySA GOV app to COVID Safe Check-In, or write your details on form provided for potential contact tracing purposes.
2. Go to the reception desk where you will check in and be provided with a consent form. A parent/guardian/caregiver will need to accompany children aged 12-15 years, as part of the consent process.
3. Complete your consent form in the seated waiting area.
4. When a vaccinator is available, you will be asked to go to a vaccination bay where the person vaccinating you will:
 - take your consent form
 - confirm your identity
 - check your current health status and medical history
 - ask about your recent vaccination history
 - seek your informed consent for the delivery of the vaccine and check your signature on your consent form
 - administer your vaccine.
5. After you have been vaccinated, you will leave your consent form with the vaccinator and they will provide you with a vaccine record.
6. You will leave the vaccination bay and make your way to the observation area where you will be observed for at least 15 minutes.

Please note, we will automatically update your vaccination history in the Australian Immunisation Record. The vaccination record you receive on the day is for your own records.

Before you leave the clinic, make sure:

- > you have left your consent form with the vaccinator and
- > booked in for your second appointment (if you haven't done so already)

After your vaccination

It is not uncommon to have a reaction after a vaccination. After the COVID-19 vaccination you may experience pain, redness or swelling at the injection site, heavy feeling in the arm

(can be worse around 1-2 days after the vaccine), fatigue/feeling tired, headache, mild fever, muscle aches or mild flu like symptoms.

If a reaction seems severe or persists for more than 3 or 4 days, you develop new or unexpected symptoms, or you are concerned, seek medical attention.

See your doctor or health care professional as soon as possible or go directly to a hospital if:

- > you have a reaction that you consider severe or unexpected
- > you are concerned about your condition after vaccination.

An extremely rare blood clotting syndrome, Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS), has been linked to the AstraZeneca vaccine. The clotting condition occurs between four and 20 days after the first dose of vaccine. **Please seek medical attention immediately if you experience any of the following symptoms:**

- > shortness of breath
- > chest pain
- > swelling in your leg
- > persistent abdominal (belly) pain
- > neurological symptoms, including severe and persistent headaches or blurred vision
- > tiny blood spots under the skin beyond the site of injection.

You can use the [COVID-19 vaccine side effects symptom checker](#) if you have concerns about any symptoms after your vaccine. The checker is also available through the National Coronavirus Helpline on [1800 020 080](tel:1800020080), 24 hours a day.

How to report a bad reaction after getting vaccinated

If this is a life-threatening emergency, please call 000.

If you have a concern or question that is not an emergency, please call the SA Health immunisation section on 1300 232 272 (8.30am – 5.00pm Monday - Friday).

Your second dose appointment

You will need two doses of the vaccine to ensure you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The time between doses will depend on whether you receive the Pfizer or AstraZeneca vaccine.

Bring your Medicare card and identification to your second appointment.

Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine (for ages 12 - 59)

- You will need to have your second dose of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine 21 days (three weeks) after your first dose.
- The Kingscote clinic will offer all second dose (Pfizer) appointments between 4 – 9 October.
- Make sure your second appointment is booked before or at your first appointment.

AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine (for ages 60+, also ages 18 – 59, with consent*)

- * the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine can be provided to people 18 to 59 years of age, following an appropriate assessment of the individual risks and benefits of vaccination, and an informed consent process with their vaccine provider.
- You will need to have your second dose of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine 12 weeks after your first dose.

- The Kingscote clinic will offer second dose (AstraZeneca) appointments between 20 September – 2 October. If you have your first dose during this time, your second dose will be given between 13 - 24 December.
- Your second appointment will be booked as you check-in for your first appointment.

Frequently asked questions

Your appointment

How long will my appointment take?

The length of appointment will depend on your individual and health circumstances. Please allow up to 60 minutes to complete your appointment.

What if I can't make my appointment?

If you cannot make your appointment, you can cancel and reschedule your booking through the email you received from HealthEngine to confirm your booking.

Second dose

What happens if I am late getting my second dose?

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine dosing schedule recommends the second dose be given 21 days after the first dose.

The AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine dosing schedule recommends the second dose be given 12 weeks after the first dose.

If you don't get the second dose during this window, it is recommended that you get it as soon as possible.

It is important that when you make your appointment for your first dose, you check to make sure you are available for your second dose appointment (check you are not away, e.g. interstate).

What happens if I don't get the second dose?

It is very likely that you will have less protection against COVID-19 if you do not receive your second dose.

Will I receive the same type of vaccine in both doses?

Yes, you will need to receive the same type/brand of dose both times – so if you receive Pfizer vaccine for dose 1, you will also receive Pfizer for dose 2.

Other questions

Who will be delivering the vaccination?

Vaccinations at the Kingscote COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic are provided by vaccinators who have completed additional training on the COVID-19 vaccination.

If I have already had COVID-19 and recovered, do I still need to get a COVID-19 vaccine when it's available?

It is recommended you have the COVID-19 vaccine, even if you have previously tested positive to and recovered from COVID-19.

Is the vaccine mandatory?

The vaccine is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged.

What if I am over 60 and want the Pfizer vaccination?

The Pfizer vaccine is not currently available for people over the age of 60. AstraZeneca is recommended as a safe and effective vaccination for those aged 60 and above. Should you have any specific medical concerns, please discuss with your GP. You can only receive Pfizer over the age of 60 for specific medical reasons, and you will need to provide a letter from your GP or specialist.

Will I still need to get a flu shot?

Yes. If you are currently required to have the flu vaccine, you will still be required to be immunised.

The recommended minimum interval between a dose of seasonal flu vaccine and a dose of either of the currently approved COVID-19 vaccines is 7 days either side of the flu vaccine.

If you have not received your flu vaccine by the time you are offered a COVID-19 vaccine, please ensure you prioritise the COVID-19 vaccine, and schedule your flu vaccine at a later date.

How do I access my vaccination record?

A record of your vaccination will be placed in the Australian Immunisation Register.

www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/australian-immunisation-register

More information

The SA Health website has comprehensive [frequently asked questions](#) about the COVID-19 vaccine and program rollout in South Australia. For more information visit www.covidvaccine.sa.gov.au

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccines, visit the [Australian Government Department of Health](#) website, which also has a range of [translated information](#).

The National COVID-19 Vaccine Helpline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 1800 020 080.

For further information:

- > www.tga.gov.au/covid-19-vaccine-pfizer-australia-comirnaty-bnt162b2-mrna
- > www.tga.gov.au/covid-19-vaccine-astrazeneca-chadox1-s
- > www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines