

## What health conditions or/health issues should you check on to see if it safe to have the COVID-19 vaccine?



Some people with specific health conditions or issues may need to take extra care when thinking about having the COVID-19 vaccine.

When you talk with your doctor about having the COVID-19 vaccine it is important to let them know if you:



**Have any severe allergies.** An allergy is when your body reacts to something such as food or medicine



**Have anaphylaxis** – this is a very serious allergic reaction



**Carry an EpiPen with you** – you need an EpiPen if you have had a serious allergic reaction before



**Had a reaction to a vaccine in the past**



**Have any bleeding conditions** – these are health issues that affect your blood



**Take any medicine to thin your blood**



**Are pregnant**



**Are breastfeeding**



**Have any respiratory symptoms**



**Have tested positive for COVID-19 and have not recovered yet**








**Have received any vaccine in the last 14 days**



**Are a child or adolescent**


If you have severe allergies or anaphylaxis or carry an EpiPen you should be **observed for 30 minutes** after you have had the COVID-19 vaccine.

You **should not** have your COVID-19 vaccination if you:




-  are unwell with fever, cough, runny nose or other symptoms that could be from COVID-19
-  are awaiting COVID-19 test results
-  have tested positive with COVID-19 and you are in isolation
-  are in quarantine
-  are a close contact of someone with COVID-19.

If you any of these apply to you then you will need to reschedule your vaccination for another time.

The COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine has been found to be safe and effective in people with various conditions, including:

-  high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, lung, liver or kidney disease, as well as chronic infections that are stable and controlled.

**If you would like further information you can:**

-  talk with a GP or other health professional
-  call the Disability Gateway on 1800 643 787
-  or go to [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)