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Moderna vaccine factsheet

By getting vaccinated you are helping to keep yourself, your family and your community safe

MODERNA PROTECTS YOU AGAINST COVID-19

With two doses of the Moderna vaccine, spaced 6 weeks apart, you are more than 90 per cent less likely to get very sick or need to go to hospital with COVID-19. This has been shown in very large clinical trials in people aged 12 years and over.

This high level of protection also applies to new variants of COVID-19, such as the Delta variant.

PEOPLE ELIGIBLE FOR MODERNA

Everyone aged 12 – 59 years is eligible to get the Moderna vaccine.

HOW TO ACCESS MODERNA

Moderna is currently available primarily through pharmacies, as well as some vaccination centres and pop-up clinics.

You can book an appointment for Moderna through the Federal Government's Vaccine Clinic finder: covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au.

MODERNA IS SAFE

The vaccine is safe, free and voluntary.

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), which is Australia's medical regulator, has provisionally approved the use of the Moderna vaccine for people aged 12 years and over.

SIDE EFFECTS OF MODERNA (see over for more info)

As with all vaccines, side effects may occur – but these are generally mild and last only for a day or two. Side effects may include:

- pain, redness and/or swelling at site of injection
- tiredness
- muscle aches
- headache
- fever and chills joint pain.

MODERNA VACCINATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THESE POP-UP SITES

- Melton Vaccination Hub (Bunnings)
- Sunshine Vaccination Hub
- Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
- Royal Exhibition Building
- Sandown Racecourse Vaccination Centre
- Frankston Community Vaccination Hub
- Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre
- Dandenong Palm Plaza
- Former Ford Factor Campbellfield
- La Trobe University site in Bundoora
- St Francis Xavier College Officer Campus

All of these sites are walk up only – no bookings required – and will be open from 4 October to 10 October 2021.

Everybody who receives a vaccine will be supervised by a medical professional for 15 minutes after they are vaccinated, to make sure they are ok.

If anybody continues to feel unwell after they get vaccinated, they should contact their doctor immediately.

For more information about possible vaccine side effects, visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au/cardiac-side-effects-and-covid-19 vaccines

USE OF MODERNA FOR PREGNANT PEOPLE

Note, there is no scientific evidence that shows getting the COVID-19 vaccine impacts a person's fertility.

None of the COVID-19 vaccines used in Australia cause sterilisation/infertility – this includes Moderna.

The TGA will not approve a vaccine for use in Australia unless it is safe and effective. This includes impacts on fertility.



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WHO CANNOT HAVE MODERNA

You should not receive the Moderna vaccine if you have had:

- anaphylaxis (a type of severe allergic reaction) to a previous dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (that is, Moderna or Pfizer)
- anaphylaxis after exposure to any component of the vaccine, including polyethylene glycol (PEG)
- myocarditis and/or pericarditis attributed to a previous dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (that is, Moderna or Pfizer)

• any other serious adverse event, that an experienced immunisation provider or medical specialist attributed to a previous dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (i.e. Moderna or Pfizer) and without another cause identified.

If you have any questions about vaccination, the best person to speak with is your doctor.

FOR MORE ON THE MODERNA VACCINE

For more information about the Moderna vaccine, visit the Victorian Government's Coronavirus website: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/about-moderna-vaccine

Moderna vaccine side effects

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine will help protect you and your family from getting sick from COVID-19.

Just like other vaccines, the COVID-19 vaccines have side effects.

It is normal to feel some side effects like being tired, having a headache, and feeling sore where you got your injection.

These side effects can last 2-3 days after your vaccine.

Always go to your doctor if you feel very sick.

WATCH OUT FOR THESE SYMPTOMS

Serious side effects are very rare.

You might have symptoms up to one week after you get your vaccine.

Go to your doctor straight away if you:

- You feel pain or pressure in your chest.
- It hurts when you breathe.
- You find it hard to take deep breaths.
- You have an irregular heartbeat, skipped beats or 'fluttering' feelings in your chest.
- You faint.

Before you get a COVID-19 vaccine, the person giving you the vaccine asks you some important questions to make sure you get the COVID-19 vaccine that is safe for you.

WHY WE LOOK FOR THESE SYMPTOMS

People who have the Pfizer vaccine and get serious symptoms may have a medical condition called myocarditis or pericarditis.

These conditions affect the heart or the tissues and muscle around the heart.

If you have any of these serious symptoms, it is important you see your doctor. Your doctor can run tests to check if you have these medical conditions. Myocarditis and pericarditis are very rare, and doctors can help people who have it.

COVID-19 vaccines in Australia must pass lots of safety tests before they can be given to people. The Therapeutic Goods Administration is responsible for checking vaccine safety and approving vaccines for use in Australia.

You can use the COVID-19 vaccine side effect checker by visiting www.healthdirect.gov.au/covid-19-vaccine-side-effect-checker.

If you have questions about COVID-19 vaccines, or you want to get your vaccine, visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine or call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 673 398. For an interpreter, press 0.