



# Family Care in the time of Coronavirus COVID-19 updates

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# Webinar: COVID-19 vaccines and children 5-11 years — what you need to know Tuesday 18 January | 6.30pm-7.30pm

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# Children aged 5 to 11 years can now get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Join **Dr Anita Munoz** and **Associate Professor Margie Danchin** to further explore the importance of COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 5-11 years. Hear the latest on the vaccine rollout and answer your questions about vaccine safety and challenging situations.

#### THE WEBINAR WILL FOCUS ON:

- Update on the COVID-19 Vaccination roll out to 5-11 year-olds
- · Vaccine safety and side effects for children aged 5-11 years
- Building vaccine confidence with children aged 5-11 years
- · Vaccination for children with special needs
- Strategies to manage challenging immunisation encounters

#### AUDIENCE:

- Parents, family members and care givers of children aged 5-11 vears
- · Healthcare workers
- Childcare workers and educators

#### Register

This is a complimentary webinar. Places are limited and registration is required.

#### Register via Eventbrite here:

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/covid-19-vaccines-and-children-5-11-years-of-age-what-you-need-to-know-tickets-225623765757

A recording of this webinar and slides will be sent to registrants afterwards.

#### Dr. Anita Munoz

Dr Anita Munoz is a GP in private practice in Melbourne's CBD. She has held advisory positions with Better Care Victoria and Safer Care Victoria and has been a medical educator for over nine years. Anita is Chair of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Victoria.

#### **Associate Professor Margie Danchin**

A/Prof Margie Danchin is consultant paediatrician within the Department of Paediatrics, University of Melbourne and Murdoch Childrens Research Institute (MCRI). She is Group Leader, Vaccine Acceptance, Uptake and Policy, at MCRI, and is an immunisation expert with over 10 years of experience in vaccine research and clinical work.





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### BOOKING AN APPOINTMENT FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-11 YEARS

- Children aged 5 to 11 can get vaccinated from 10 January 2022. Bookings at GPs and pharmacies are now available. Find your nearest vaccine provider and book in now
- You can also get your child vaccinated at your nearest state-run vaccination centre. Bookings are now open. Book online or call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398 between 8 am and 8 pm, 7 days a week. Please note: To book online, you will need to register an account for your child using an email address that is not already registered on the system. This could be a new or alternative email address used by you or your child.

#### BY VACCINATING YOUR CHILDREN, YOU CAN:

- · Reduce the spread of COVID-19
- Protect them from getting sick from COVID-19
- Keep schools open, so children can have more faceto-face learning and playtime with their friends.

#### PREPARING FOR A CHILD'S APPOINTMENT

- As a parent or carer, there are a number of important things to consider before you take your child for their COVID-19 vaccine to try to make it a positive experience for them. We know that no child likes needles.
   If your child is anxious about receiving the vaccine, planning ahead and talking to them can help.
- For more information on preparing your child visit https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-children-and-teenagers

• It is important to talk to your doctor or other healthcare provide before you vaccinate your children, if you have any individual health questions about receiving a COVID-19 vaccination.

#### MORE INFORMATION

- Vaccination information for children and teenagers https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-children-and-teenagers
- Vaccination information for people with disability or special requirements
- https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-people-disability
- Talking to your child about COVID-19 https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/talking-your-child-about-coronavirus-covid-19
- Royal Children's Hospital podcast https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/Podcast/
- VaxFacts COVID-19 questions asked and answered https://www.vaxfacts.org.au/
- ATAGI recommendations on Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine use in children aged 5 to 11 years

  https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/
  documents/2021/12/atagi-recommendations-onpfizer-covid-19-vaccine-use-in-children-aged-5-to11-years\_0.pdf

We want all children to feel safe and comfortable getting their COVID-19 vaccine - which is why we've transformed many vaccination centres across Victoria into fun and engaging enchanted forests of protection.









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