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VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL
CHILD CARE AGENCY

COVID-19 Vaccinations for Children 5-11 years

January 2022

Getting vaccinated helps to protect you, your family and community from the spread of COVID-19.

Children aged 5-11 years can now receive their first dose of the vaccine. Getting your children vaccinated will help to reduce the spread of COVID-19, protect them from getting really sick, and help to keep schools open which means more time for them to learn and play.

It's important children get vaccinated before the end of January (when Term 1 starts for school and kindergarten) or as soon as they turn 5.

Where can children get vaccinated?

Children can be vaccinated at your local GP, pharmacy, Aboriginal Health Service, or at a family-friendly vaccination center:

- [Make an online booking](#)
- **Contact VAHS:**
Fitzroy on (03) 9419 3000 or
Epping on (03) 8592 3920
- **Call the Coronavirus Hotline:**
1800 675 398
- [Find a GP, pharmacy or local vaccination hub](#)

Supports are available for children who might have mild anxiety about vaccination, minor behavioral issues, or developmental disabilities, autism and/or sensory issues. Call the Coronavirus Hotline or have a yarn with your local Aboriginal Health Service to find a vaccination hub or clinic to support your child's needs.

Vaccine consent

Anyone who gets vaccinated must give consent. Consent can be given verbally. If the child is too young to do so, VACCA's CEO acts as the authorised officer who can make decisions about children in care. Please talk to your case manager for more information.

It is strongly recommended that children in VACCA's care receive their vaccination to minimise serious illness.

Resources for parents and carers: visit [VACCA.org.au](https://vacca.org.au)

- [How to prepare your child for their vaccination](#)
- [What to Expect factsheet](#)
- [FAQs for Parents - Vaccines](#)
- [FAQ for Parents – COVID-19](#)
- [Guidance for Children and Young People in Out-of-Home-Care factsheet](#)

Family support if you are affected by COVID-19

If you get COVID-19 after being vaccinated, you're less likely to get really sick or pass the virus on to other people.

VACCA's COVID Response Service helps Aboriginal families to develop a COVID care plan in case a parent or guardian becomes ill. We're here for all our mob so even if you aren't connected with us, we can support you and your family. Contact our team to have a yarn about your family's COVID care plan today.

- Available Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. Call 0448 930 509 or email covidcare@vacca.org