



Between us, the jab will keep us safer and keep us together

These talking points are designed to help create conversations with people about COVID 19 vaccination access, and some simple key messages. While vaccination rates are continuing to increase, there remains a need to continue to support some community members with navigating barriers to access. Conversations to support getting the second vaccination are also important.

Starting the conversation

Focus on positives – Trusted personal messaging. Find a way to connect by talking about yourself or others who have been vaccinated. Some example conversation starters might include:

1

How have you been with all these lockdowns -isn't it great we're able to start to come back together again?

- The numbers getting vaccination are looking good – looks like we'll be able to see our mates more now. Have you had yours yet?*
- Isn't it great how many of us are vaccinated – more than 80% and increasing every day– have you had yours yet?*

2

How's things for you? Have you been managing ok with all these lockdowns?

- I (we all here) got vaccinated a while ago. Do you need any advice or help about getting your vaccination?*
- Once we all get vaccinated the virus can't spread as easily through the community anymore. It's going to make a big difference. This means we've looked after everyone.*

3

Do you need any help about the vaccine? I've got a list that I can check where you can get one today.

- They're lots of places you can go today to get your vaccine. There's a place close by that's accepting walk-ins.*
- We've received some updated information about local places where people can walk in to get a vaccination without a booking.*

Key messages

1. The vaccines work.
2. The vaccines stop you from getting sick and help keep you out of hospital.
3. The vaccines reduce your chances of getting infected, so you don't accidentally pass it on to those you love.
4. Getting vaccinated is just the same as using a clean fit – it helps keep you from getting COVID 19 and from accidentally passing it on to a mate.
5. Getting vaccinated is what we can ALL do to help end the outbreaks and lockdowns, and get back to doing the things we want to do with all the people we want to.

Answering common questions and concerns:

If vaccination numbers are high now, why do I need to get vaccinated?

- So you don't get the virus, get sick and get put in hospital.
- If you get vaccinated that will reduce chances of passing on the virus if you do get it.
- We need everyone who can get vaccinated to do so as this is the best way to stop it spreading through our community.

Will it make me sick?

- Consider telling them about your experience getting the vaccination and the side effects.
- Most side effects are mild (for example, a sore arm or a headache) and don't last long. These side effects are a sign the vaccine is working to train your immune system to fend off the worst of COVID-19 if you're ever exposed to it.

Why do I need two?

- To get the best protection, two doses are needed because one is not effective enough. Two doses gives you the best immunity against COVID-19.
- Two doses means you're less likely to get covid, less likely to pass it on, and that you'll get less sick if you do get it.

I don't have a Medicare Card

- No problem: there's lots of places you can go to get the vaccine where you won't need one.

What's the difference between them all?

- All of the options available are safe and effective and have had loads of research done and millions of doses given globally safely.
- Pfizer and Moderna are preferred vaccines for people under 60.