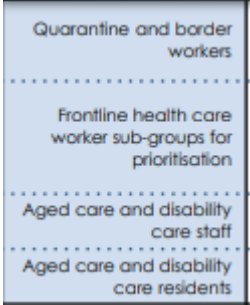
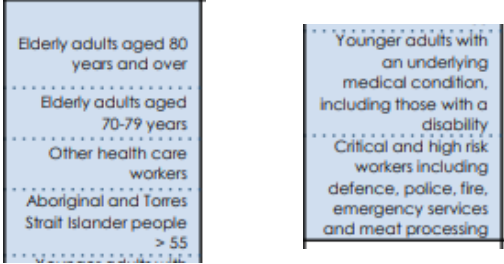


**COVID Vaccine Facts..... that we know so far!**

- Roll out begins next Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2021 – this is known as phase 1a and will start using the Pfizer vaccine and will be administered by COVID vaccine HUBS. People eligible for a vaccine in 1a are

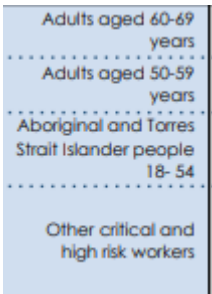


- The next phase is 1b and it is currently unknown when this vaccine will be available or which general practices will be administering it. The Astra Zeneca vaccine will be used in General Practices for this phase. It was approved by the TGA (therapeutic Goods Association). People who are eligible for phase 1b are

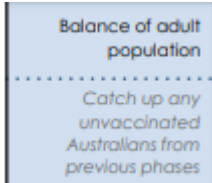


In regards to the medical conditions and “at risk workers” we are still awaiting on which conditions and occupations that are included.

- The next phase in GP will be phase 2a this will include the following people. We currently have NO information about the dates when this phase will begin.



- Phase 2 b is next and includes



The final Phase 3 will be when the [population UNDER 18 will be considered. No one under 18 will be considered in any of the above listed phases

## **Other COVID Vaccine Facts .... So far**

- Astra Zeneca COVID Vaccine is 2 doses – 12 weeks apart
- It is preferred that patients have the 2 doses at the same practice
- Must be at least 14 days between COVID vaccine and normal Flu vaccine
- The vaccine will be delivered in multidose vials i.e. 10 doses per vial. This means that vaccines will be done in a vaccination clinic rather than individual consultations
- As with any vaccine or medication there are potential side effects the consumer information brochure for this vaccine can be found [here](#)
- It is currently unknown whether our practice will be selected to be a COVID vaccine provider. We have expressed our interest to the Federal Government and are waiting to hear back.
- If Pivotal Health are chosen as a designated COVID vaccination clinic all staff involved in COVID vaccination will be completing the mandatory COVID vaccine training modules provided by the Government prior to giving the immunisation
- It is still very important to have the seasonal Flu vaccine this year
- We are still awaiting confirmation on dates Flu vaccine will be delivered. Private flu approx. mid March
- At this stage the Astra Zeneca COVID Vaccine should not to be given to children or under 18s

More information can be found at [here](#)