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Dear parents and carers

COVID-19 vaccinations protect the health of students and families across our community and are strongly encouraged for people aged 12 and over. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect your child and family from COVID-19 and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in our school community.

The Victorian Government is supporting people with disabilities to access COVID-19 vaccinations by introducing new vaccination centres with enhanced accessibility for people with disabilities. You can find out where to find these centres at [Vaccine information for people with a disability or special requirements](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-people-disability).

Full details of these and other vaccination centres can be found at [Vaccination centres](https://protect-au.mimecast.com/s/p9_wClx1WPfGqGPt1fwpb?domain=aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com). People with disabilities do not need a booking to attend state-run vaccination centres.

Disability Liaison Officers

Many Victorian families have received support from Disability Liaison Officers (DLO). DLOs can help support people with disability to access vaccinations.

The Department of Health’s Disability Liaison Officers (DLOs) can help you or your child to:

* + - * book a COVID-19 vaccination
* get a vaccination if you’re not able to attend a [vaccination centre](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-centres).

You can contact a DLO by:

* phoning Department of Health on 1800 675 398
* completing an online  [Request for Disability Liaison Officer support](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=H2DgwKwPnESciKEExOufKHqFVz-ZINNMsVpe1OhQHXRUNjMwOFJCQkE0TlZIVFBYQVVWWVhXVlJGSy4u)
* emailing [DLOcoordinator@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:DLOcoordinator@dhhs.vic.gov.au).

Other ways to get vaccinated

Students and families can access COVID-19 vaccines at a Victorian Government vaccination centre, or through a GP clinic, pharmacy or community health service.

Certain people may be eligible to get [vaccinated at home](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-home).

If you have any health concerns regarding COVID-19 vaccines, please speak to your GP.

More information

Visit [Vaccine information for people with a disability or special requirements](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-people-disability) for information about accessing a vaccination, as well as:

* [checklist: before your COVID-19 vaccination](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-your-covid-19-vaccination) to prepare for a vaccine appointment
* [social script about getting vaccinated](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-people-disability) to assist people with autism
* [translated information](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-covid-19-vaccines) about the COVID-19 vaccine.

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