

## **COVID IMMUNISATION CLINICS**

In addition to our AstraZeneca vaccines, we are now providing Pfizer vaccines at Grantham Street General Practice.

Appointments can be made at [www.gsgp.com.au](http://www.gsgp.com.au) from 8:00pm Monday 13 September.

New patients that are not existing patients of Grantham Street General Practice are welcome to book.

### **PFIZER CLINICS (12- to 59-year-old)**

The Pfizer (Comirnaty) vaccine is the preferred vaccine for 12- to 59-year-old patients. Women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or planning pregnancy are now encouraged to have this vaccine. The Pfizer Covid 19 Vaccine is administered as two doses delivered 3 weeks apart. Please book in Pfizer 1 Clinic for your first dose and Pfizer 2 Clinic for your second dose. If you already have had your first Pfizer elsewhere, please only book into the Pfizer 2 Clinic for your second dose. A consent form is required for every first dose given, please download <https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/08/covid-19-vaccination-consent-form-for-covid-19-vaccination-covid-19-vaccination-consent-form.pdf>, complete and return BEFORE your appointment.

We will be conducting two sessions a week for our PFIZER CLINICS.

### **Saturday Clinic**

This clinic is designed to vaccinate as many of you as we can therefore it will be a fast-paced clinic. If you are attending this clinic, you must be 100% ready to go for the vaccine. The time allocated for this clinic will be purely for receiving this vaccine. We will not be able to accommodate any queries or questions you may have at this time as we will be running strictly to the allotted time.

If you do have any queries regarding the Pfizer vaccine, we ask that you please make a separate appointment with your regular doctor prior to your vaccination appointment time.

For this clinic, you would be required to have completed your consent form online, <https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/08/covid-19-vaccination-consent-form-for-covid-19-vaccination-covid-19-vaccination-consent-form.pdf>

Please complete the consent and checklist including the tick box section relevant to the 'COMIRNATY' (Pfizer) section. If we haven't received your consent by Friday, you will be advised to rebook.

When you arrive, you will be allocated a room with other patients where you will be vaccinated.

Patients are required to wait in their respective rooms for 15 minutes after vaccination.

### **Thursday Clinic**

Our Thursday clinic will be allocated for children 12- to 16-year-old who will need to come along with 1 parent, or for groups of families that would like the Pfizer to be given together. This is a much slower pace clinic and as such is ideal for young children or for any other patients who may be a little anxious and tentative about having an injection.

Any new patients that are not existing patients of Grantham Street will also need to be booked into this clinic whereby you are required to bring a health medical summary from your usual GP.

## **ASTRA ZENECA VACCINE > 60 years old.**

### Tuesday Clinic

Grantham street General Practice will still be continuing to vaccinate those over 60 years of age with AZ vaccine. The AstraZeneca vaccine is administered as two doses delivered 12 weeks apart. However, Victorians can now receive their second AstraZeneca vaccine dose at six weeks due to the current outbreak in the state. If you would like to rebook for an earlier appointment, please call our clinic to reschedule.

Patients over 60 years of age are not eligible for Pfizer and as such you cannot book in for the Pfizer vaccination clinic.

Any patients over 60 years of age wishing to have their first AZ dose will be able to book into our Tuesday afternoon clinics.

Once you have received your first AZ dose you will be allocated an appointment for your second AZ vaccine automatically at the time of your first vaccination.

### **ON THE DAY OF THE APPOINTMENT**

If you are unwell with a cough, cold and flu like symptoms please do not attend and call the clinic to reschedule. As every vaccine is in high demand, we would appreciate your notification as early as possible if you are unable to attend.

Please ensure that you have check the government exposure site list to ensure that you have not entered any of the exposure tiered sites prior to coming in for a vaccine

Upon arrival, please check in with your QR Code and have your temperature taken by our friendly receptionists.

### **WHERE TO PARK**

Please allow plenty of time to find parking prior to your appointment.

The carpark at GSGP would not be available for parking on the day of your vaccination.

There will be plenty of street parking or you can park further down at the Coles Car Park.

Please wait in your car until 5 minutes before your appointment time.

### **WHAT TO BRING**

You will be required to bring a Medicare card and photo ID, you will also be required to wear a mask prior to entering.

### **WHAT TO WEAR**

Please ensure that you wear appropriate clothing for the weather on the day.

Clothing that is easy to access for injection on your upper arm is recommended.

We will vaccinate you in your Left upper arm unless you request otherwise on the day.

### **WHAT TO EXPECT**

Most patients experience only mild side effects after the COMIRNATY (Pfizer) vaccine (sore arm and mild fatigue being the commonest) particularly after the first dose. It is not unusual to have a stronger reaction after the second dose of the COMIRNATY (Pfizer) vaccine. This may include fever, chills, fatigue and muscle pain. The best advice is to rest, drink plenty of fluids and avoid strenuous exercise for a few days. You may wish to take paracetamol for

pain and fever. Rarely, some patients may experience stronger side effects including chest pain, pain with breathing and palpitations (irregular heartbeat or fluttering). If these symptoms persist, please seek early advice and care from your usual GP.

Similarly with the AstraZeneca vaccine common side effects include pain at the injection site, mild headache, muscle pain, fever and tiredness. These side effects are mild and temporary. The AstraZeneca vaccine appears to be associated with a rarer side effect called thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS). Symptoms of TTS have occurred between 4- and 42-days post vaccination. The risk appears to be higher for those that are under 60 years of age. In people 60 years and over, ATAGI continues to advise that the benefits of vaccination with the AstraZeneca vaccine outweigh the risks associated with vaccination.

Please see the government information after affects for Pfizer and AstraZeneca below,  
<https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/03/covid-19-vaccination-after-your-pfizer-comirnaty-vaccine-covid-19-vaccination-after-your-pfizer-comirnaty-vaccine.pdf>

[https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/08/covid-19-vaccination-after-your-astrazeneca-vaccine-covid-19-vaccination-after-your-astrazeneca-vaccine\\_0.pdf](https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/08/covid-19-vaccination-after-your-astrazeneca-vaccine-covid-19-vaccination-after-your-astrazeneca-vaccine_0.pdf)

You will need to stay at the clinic for 15 minutes for monitoring after your vaccination.

## **ACCESSING YOUR COVID -19 VACCINATION RECORD**

All vaccination details will be uploaded to the 'Australian Immunisation Register' Vaccination records will be available online through MyGov, My health record, the Express Plus Medicare app.

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/subjects/getting-help-during-coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-vaccinations/how-get-proof-your-covid-19-vaccinations#gettingproofonline>

Thank you for choosing Grantham Street General Practice as your preferred site for vaccination and doing your part for the community.