

Script for short videoclips in your language

[opening frame – include a title card] **Information about a COVID-19 vaccine**

Hello, I am [speakers name and role/job title]

[include lower third graphic on screen: name and job title]

COVID-19 is a dangerous virus. It can quickly spread from one person to another, make you very sick and can even take your life.

The Australian Government is making the COVID-19 Vaccine available for all people in Australia, regardless of whether you are an Australian citizen, permanent resident, or hold a temporary visa. The COVID- 19 vaccines provide everyone with protection against the COVID-19 virus.

In partnership with the Australian Federal Government, the Australian States and Territories are helping to provide the COVID-19 vaccines that have been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), which is Australia's medicine regulator. The TGA will only approve vaccines that are safe and that provide effective protection against COVID-19.

There is an information pack available in the English language and a range of other languages to help you understand COVID-19 vaccines. Together with the Australian Government, we are working hard to protect your health and the health of others – helping to deliver safe and free vaccines that are a key part of keeping us all safe and keeping Victoria open.

(check the link for more information about COVID-19 vaccine in your language <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-information-in-your-language>).

I want to provide you with accurate information about the COVID-19 vaccine

- COVID-19 is a real virus that has caused hundreds of deaths in Australia, and millions of deaths globally. It can make anyone sick and is easily spread between people.
- Australian testing kits can detect this virus, and they are very accurate
- The vaccines help your body to develop immunity against the virus.
- By getting vaccinated you protect yourself and your community against COVID-19. Even if you do catch COVID-19 you are much less likely to get very sick, need to go to hospital, or lose your life
- The COVID-19 vaccines are safe. They have been tested in tens of thousands of volunteers in studies and meet high safety standards. They have already been given to many millions of people around the world.
- It is your choice to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. This year, vaccines will be available for free to everyone aged 16 years and older.

- All viruses can change over time and make new strains. But the more people who get vaccinated and the higher the immunity in our population, the better chance we have of preventing ongoing transmission of COVID-19 and preventing further mutations (changes) to the virus occurring.
- Current COVID-19 vaccines are effective against a range of new variants (strains of virus).
- The vaccines available in Australia meet very high safety standards. It is impossible for these vaccines to alter or change your DNA. Once the vaccines have helped your body make immunity against COVID-19, they are quickly broken down.
- If you have previously been infected by COVID-19, you should still get vaccinated against COVID-19 to boost your immune system.
- No one knows how long immunity lasts following vaccination. But we also do not know how long immunity lasts following COVID-19 infection
- Any vaccine can cause side effects. Most side effects of the COVID-19 vaccines are expected, quite mild and are a sign that your immune system is responding to the vaccine. They include tiredness, pain at the site of the injection, headaches, or fevers and chills. These expected side effects usually disappear after a day or two. The COVID-19 vaccines do not contain milk, egg, pork, or pork products.
- They do not contain any microchips or software. You can find a complete list of the ingredients of COVID-19 vaccines on the TGA website.
- It is impossible to get COVID-19 from these vaccines.

We can all help protect our families, our friends, and our community. COVID-19 infections are disrupting our community, including people being able to gather, go to work, and go about their daily lives. Our economic and social life can recover and more quickly return to normal if people choose to get a COVID vaccine. However, as we are rolling out vaccination to all Victorians, everyone needs to keep being COVIDsafe.

We are currently vaccinating Victorians at highest risk, including those working in hotel quarantine and frontline health care workers. But all Victorians will be able to get COVID-19 vaccine in 2021. But everyone can help stop COVID-19 by making sure they get a COVID-19 vaccine when it is their turn to be vaccinated.

This English script has been approved by the Centre for Migrant and Refugee Health.

I thank you for your time in listening or reading this important message.