



# Mpox immunisation - FAQs

## Do I need the mpox vaccine?

Vaccination is the best way to reduce your risk of getting mpox. After 2 doses of the mpox vaccine, almost everyone will have a strong level of protection against mpox. Vaccines take time to work so even after 2 doses, you should still be aware of the risks and symptoms of mpox.

## Where can I get vaccinated against mpox?

To get the mpox vaccine, contact your local sexual health clinic or immunisation provider. Visit [HealthyWA](#) for some sexual health clinic providers which offer the mpox vaccine (it is not limited to these providers). Not all immunisation providers will stock the mpox vaccine, so it is best to check when booking an appointment.

## How much does the mpox vaccine cost?

The mpox vaccine is free for eligible people. Some immunisation providers may charge a consultation fee, please check costs when booking an appointment. For information about eligibility, visit [HealthyWA](#).

## Can I get the vaccine at the same time as other vaccines?

You can get the mpox vaccine after or at the same time as most vaccines, including influenza vaccines. However, let your immunisation provider know if you've recently been, or plan to be, vaccinated against COVID-19 or any other vaccines.

## Will I be protected if I only have one dose mpox vaccine?

Although findings suggest that the one dose of mpox vaccine gives some protection against mpox, 2 doses are recommended to complete the full vaccine schedule and ensure you are best protected against mpox.

## Does the vaccine hurt?

Some people can experience side effects from vaccines. The most common side effects from the mpox vaccine include pain, redness, swelling and hardening at the spot where the injection is given. You may also experience muscle aches, headache, fatigue, nausea, and chills. These are mild and go away quickly. If you are worried about any potential side effects of vaccines, talk to your immunisation provider.

## If I've had the smallpox vaccine before, do I need the mpox vaccine?

For people who have received a previous smallpox vaccine more than 10 years ago, and who are recommended to receive the mpox vaccine, only a single dose of mpox vaccine is required.



More information about mpox can be found on <https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/mpox>.

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