

How sick are children getting, and when will we be able to vaccinate them against COVID?

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In July, Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) [provisionally approved](#) the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for kids aged 12-15.

The Australian Technical Advisory group on Immunization (ATAGI)

[subsequently recommended](#) kids in this age group with underlying [chronic medical conditions](#), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and kids living in remote communities should be prioritized.

We're expecting [advice](#) from ATAGI as to whether the rollout should be extended to all 12 to 15-year-olds, as countries like [the United States](#) and [Canada](#) have done.

But where does that leave children under 12? We know they're making up [a large proportion](#) of new infections in Australia's current outbreaks, which was not the case last year.

Very concerning. >200 NSW children aged

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