

AMT Position Statement

COVID-19 vaccination

COVID-19 vaccines are designed to prevent severe illness and death from COVID disease. They are a critical part of the public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Australian Government's policy is that receiving a vaccination is voluntary, although it aims to have as many Australians vaccinated against COVID-19 as possible.

- AMT strongly encourages all massage therapists to undergo the full COVID-19 vaccination course unless it is medically contraindicated.
- As healthcare practitioners, massage therapists have a duty of care to take all reasonable measures to protect their clients from serious illnesses. Massage therapists who do not undergo vaccination will need to review their risk assessments and carefully consider their capacity to treat clients in vulnerable categories for severe outcomes from COVID-19.
- Massage therapists who have a conscientious objection to COVID-19 vaccination must still comply with health department policies, procedures and guidelines relating to COVID-19 vaccination.
- Massage therapists cannot provide advice or opinions about vaccinations to their clients.