

Australia will fast-track other vaccines after AstraZeneca decision

Sarah Swain 9/04/2021

Like



© Nine Chief Medical Officer Paul Kelly said Australia would likely expedite its orders of the Pfizer and Novavax vaccines.

Australia will fast-track two other coronavirus vaccines and order more of each amid recommendations to use other options than AstraZeneca for people under 50.

Officials admit the move could hinder the already delayed rollout, with the opposition blasting the government for not ordering more varied vaccine options.

Chief Medical Officer Paul Kelly said Australia's two other vaccines, Pfizer and Novavax, are being fast-tracked and more could be ordered.

Pfizer is already approved and being used, while there are 51 million Novavax doses on the way - though it still needs to be given the green light by Australian regulators.

Health Minister Greg Hunt said Novavax could be given out in the "third quarter" of this year.

Professor Kelly admitted the rollout will be affected, but refused to be drawn on just when most Australians will be vaccinated.

Have peace of mind when you browse with Microsoft Edge
 The browser recommended by Microsoft helps to keep you safe on the web Close Switch now

"Clearly with these changes overnight, we will need to look at our rollout schedule," Professor Kelly said.

"It's likely that will affect that rollout.

"We're looking to increase the number of alternative vaccines that we have.

"The Novavax, we have 51 million doses of those on order. We hope they will come in the second half of the year.

"And the Pfizer vaccine, we have those 20 million doses coming.

"They have guaranteed they will increase the rate at which that's coming.

"We're in negotiations with them in terms of potentially increasing that number of doses."



© Getty Empty vials of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.

Professor Kelly said the rare blood clot reaction appeared

Video: Vaccine 'supply program' is reason for an 'inability

Out of those who developed it, the death rate was 25

Announcing the change in advice last night, Prime Minister Morrison said the incidence of blood clots was rarer than those associated with taking the oral contraceptive



Community mourns young couple hit by car

A vigil has been held at the crash site where the couple was killed on Brisbane's Bayside. ABC NEWS



Malka Leifer faces court over allegations of child sexual abuse

Malka Leifer has faced court in Melbourne over allegations of child sexual abuse after she was extradited from Israel. 9News.com.au



Queensland to open to all of NSW next Monday

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk has urged Sydneysiders to take a holiday north of the border, as tourism operators in Far North Queensland... ABC NEWS



Microsoft Edge advertisement: Have peace of mind when you browse with Microsoft Edge. The browser recommended by Microsoft helps to keep you safe on the web. Includes 'Close' and 'Switch now' buttons.

© AP The AstraZeneca vaccine will no longer be recommended for those under 50 in Australia.

UK Health Secretary Matt Hancock has said the AstraZeneca vaccine was no riskier than a long-haul flight.

Professor Kelly said leaders at National Cabinet today will discuss how the rollout might be affected, including when the nation might be able to reopen to the world.

Leaders have repeatedly said borders wouldn't open until the majority of the population was vaccinated.



© Getty Pamela Rawson speaks with nurses Emma McCallum ahead of receiving the COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine at the Sydney Road Family Medical Practice.

Professor Kelly didn't say if all Australians would be vaccinated by October as has always been planned, or how many people would have the jab by the end of the year.

However, he said 10 million people out of Australia's 25 million population would be able to have two Pfizer jabs by the end of the year.

He said "most" border and quarantine workers have been vaccinated and said the aged care rollout was "going very well".

Professor Kelly said anybody who has had their first AstraZeneca dose would be "perfectly fine" to have the second.

However, he added the government is "working out" which vaccine to give younger people working in aged care and as well as younger disabled people who are next in line.

Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese blasted the Federal Government, saying it had placed "all our eggs in one basket" by relying on the AstraZeneca vaccine so heavily.

Mr Albanese said Australia should have secured more doses of alternative vaccines - such as Moderna, Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer - to fill the void in the event of an issue.

Other countries, including the UK and US, are also using those vaccines, and Australia is way down on the list of vaccines completed globally.

"Quite clearly best practice was that other countries signed up to both Pfizer and Moderna," the Labor leader said, describing the rollout as a "debacle".

"They did that for a reason. They're doing better than us for a reason."



© AP Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson holds a vial of the Oxford/Astra Zeneca COVID-19 vaccine at a vaccination centre in Cwmbran, south Wales.

Mr Albanese said Prime Minister Scott Morrison had undermined public confidence in the vaccines and their rollout.

"Australians just want to know when they'll be vaccinated," Mr Albanese said.

"And they deserve that certainty.

"Vulnerable Australians, such as aged care residents particularly, deserve that certainty.

"And the government must get on top of this issue and stop the addiction to announcements and the spin cycle and saying 'she'll be right, mate, don't worry about that', whilst Australians remain concerned about the failure to deliver on the commitments that the government has given."

MORE FOR YOU



ABC NEWS

Artist Maree Clarke's extraordinary practice celebrated in first solo...



Reuters

Texas Democratic lawmakers flee state to thwart voting restrictions



Have peace of mind when you browse with Microsoft Edge
The browser recommended by Microsoft helps to keep you safe on the web

Close

Switch now

Tory rebels threaten to vote down Sunak's foreign aid cuts

Cash boost for struggling Sydney businesses to be announced



RICHARD LITTLEJOHN: It was fun while it lasted but the party's over



Reuters U.S. starts national Medicare coverage policy review for Biogen's...

The Guardian Free spe legal pro speech, : The governm controversial will provide a deniers on ca bill is vital in intolerance" i education (fr under sustain which claime



9News.com.au Police guard Bondi apartment block after Covid spreads between...



Daily Mail Big banks braced for rate rigging showdown



Sky News Australia NSW records 112 new locally acquired COVID cases



Business In Elon Mu rage-fire just gye

AAP Victoria seeks to stamp out New South Wales virus 'embers'

Reuters Aging population to hit economy hard, commerce secretary says

AAP Sydney lockdown relief package on its way

Sydney Mc Australia securing shots



The Guardian Morning mail: Covid cash payments, English players cop racist abuse, lockdown cookbook



Reuters Peru finance minister says 'vigorous' rebound caps need for fiscal splurge



Bounty Par 15 of the Australia for kids

Have peace of mind when you browse with Microsoft Edge The browser recommended by Microsoft helps to keep you safe on the web Close Switch now

retaliatory attacks against civilians in Ethiopia's

COVID monetary policy, and what it could mean

David Cameron salary of over \$1 million a year -FT

thirsty for discovery



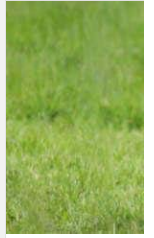
Daily Mail

Melania wanted to cancel Trump's election party over COVID concern



Reuters

John Kerry, on Moscow trip, sets out U.S. climate ideas to Russia



ABC NEWS

American terrier, th killed a r

Reuters

UPDATE 1-U.S. Senate returns for 'hell of a fight' over Biden...

The Guardian

London and southern England hit by torrential rains and floods

Southern England was hit by torrential downpours that resulted in significant flooding on Monday night. The Met Office said the heavy and slow moving thundery showers caused floods in parts of London. The London fire brigade said its 999 Control Officers received over 150 calls to flooding incidents in the capital. Forecasters said the torrential



Stockhead

Power Ledger leaving Ethereum behind for next-generation Solana...



Daily Mail

Gayle Kir unvaccin member



Stockhead

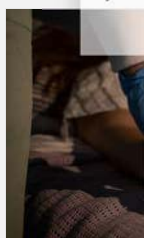
High Voltage: Global lithium-ion battery gigafactories in pipeline hits eyewatering...



Stockhead

LNG stability and an oil price rally has these ASX stocks waiting in the...

The Henry Hub natural gas spot price is holding steady, trading today at \$3.63/MMbtu – and the outlook for the rest of ... Read More The post LNG stability and an oil price rally has these ASX stocks waiting in the wings appeared first on Stockhead.



ABC News

Breakthr sepsis, e: acute res

The Guardian

Melbourne international film festival 2021: our 10 highlights

What an odd time it is to be programming a film festival – or almost any public event, for that matter. In Australia, where the Covid-19 vaccination rate is very low, organisers are well aware that they're one

ABC Health

NSW and federal governments to announce payments to...

ABC Health

Sydney's lockdown Australia

Reuters

EMERGING MARKETS- Brazil's real rises after 8

Have peace of mind when you browse with Microsoft Edge The browser recommended by Microsoft helps to keep you safe on the web

Close

Switch now



The Guardian

Retail and hospitality firms want more clarity on Covid guidelines...



Rise in Covid cases will put intense pressure on NHS, bosses warn

The rise in infections that will follow the government's plans to reopen on 19 July will put intense pressure on the



The Guardian

Dutch PM sorry for early reopening as France tightens Covid rules



Reuters

France's pension ahead, v



The Guardian

Health warnings as Death Valley scorches in 54.4C heat



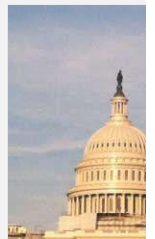
ABC NEWS

Ms Represented: Australia's 'first' women in Parliament talk about...



ABC NEWS

Behind the Juanita Nielsen mystery is another, forgotten cold...



ABC NEWS

'It may h 15 minut took us t



The Age

First women-only mental health hospital to tackle soaring rates of illness



Sydney Morning Herald

Cash for Sydney businesses after NSW weighed up its own...



Reuters

South Africa deploys army to quell unrest linked to Zuma jailing

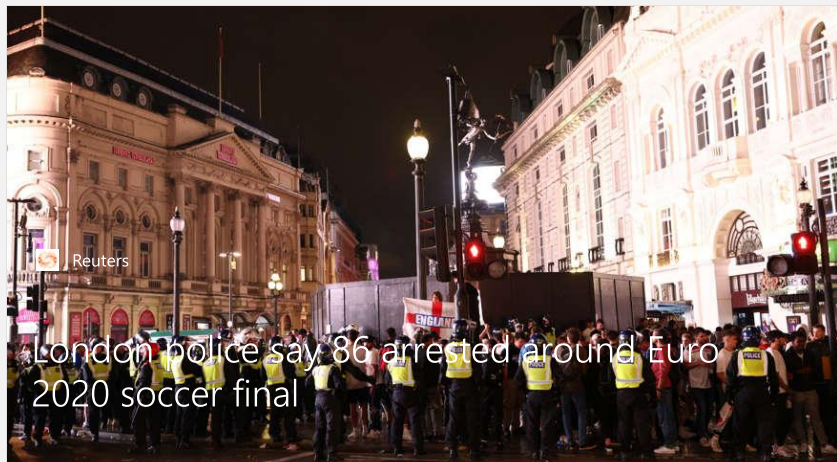


Daily Mail

Texas De prevent l passing v

Reuters

Forces from Ethiopia's Tigray region say they are say pushing south



Reuters

London police say 86 arrested around Euro 2020 soccer final



Reuters

Ukrainian 'deep his Holocaust



Have peace of mind when you browse with Microsoft Edge. The browser recommended by Microsoft helps to keep you safe on the web. Close Switch now

Tony Benn's son takes House of Lords seat renounced by his father

Tony Benn's son has joined the House of Lords in an uncontested by-election, six decades after his socialist stalwart father renounced a hereditary title. Dr Stephen Benn, 69, also known as Viscount Stansgate, will join Labour's group on the red benches in parliament's upper chamber. The appointment represents a marked departure from the stance taken

Reuters

Brutal heat wave persists in U.S. West as Oregon wildfire rages



The Guardian view on Covid curbs ending: Tory MPs are happy; many...

Boris Johnson, claimed his former chief adviser Dominic Cummings, lurched between policies "like a shopping trolley smashing from one side of the aisle to the other". Mr Cummings has an axe to grind with his old boss, but the image is not a new one. David Cameron's former spin doctor said Mr Johnson "wobbled



Ticketless fans storm Wembley for Euro 2020 final – video timeline

5.15pm * Dozens of fans breach a Covid and ticket checkpoint between the stadium and the arena. Stewards are outnumbered and overwhelmed, and at least one of them loses his footing. Paul Brown said he uploaded the film to Twitter an hour after recording it on his phone. 5.31pm Fans storm a Covid

UPDATE warning coronavi

UPDATE police of Bolsonaro

The Guard Cuban p protests 'fracture'



Reuters

U.S. delegation to Haiti met all three claimants to power -White House

Reuters

UK government allows vote to reverse 4 billion pound foreign aid cut

The Guardian

Queensland police regret making Indigenous leader leave Adani mine site

Reuters

UPDATE 1-Spain's coronavirus infections keep rising, regions...



Daily Mail

Number of 'extremely hot days' could increase FOURFOLD

U.S. FTC rescindir 'prior ap

The Mor governr short in .

Reuters

U.S. Treasury Dept authorizes liquefied petroleum gas exports...



The Guardian

'An attractive market'



The Guardian

Income support for casual workers essential to avoid extended Sydney lockdown, unions...



New Cov package business

A new comm package for I Sydney is to I federal gover boost for aff

Australian organisations are seen as soft and lucrative targets for ransomware attacks, according to cybersecurity experts who warn the problem will get worse unless the Morrison government fills the "current policy vacuum". A report published on Tuesday cites a raft of attacks over the past 18 months, including one that brought Nine Entertainment "to its knees" in March

federal gover
review comm

