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Indigenous Doctors urge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to get vaccinated

The Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) urges all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of eligible age to get vaccinated against COVID19.

The Delta strain of COVID-19 that is currently circulating in parts of Australia, is a more infectious and dangerous variant of the disease.

AIDA is concerned that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people may be exposed to COVID-19, especially in the recent outbreaks of the disease. As there are large populations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in Greater Sydney, and in south-west Queensland, our people are much more at risk of getting the disease. We need to make sure that our families and our communities are protected against COVID by getting vaccinated.

Both vaccines (Astra-Zeneca and Pfizer) that are available in Australia are safe and effective measures against this disease. They've both been tested by the Therapeutic Goods Authority which is the government authority that makes sure that all of our medicines are safe for us. It's especially important to get vaccinated if you already have other health issues.

If you are worried about getting a vaccine, we urge you to speak to your doctor to be assured what is right for you.

You can also find information about the vaccines at this Department of Health website: www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/getting-vaccinated-for-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines-indigenous