



Behind the scenes of Norfolk Island COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

BEHIND the scenes at the Norfolk Island Health and Residential Aged Care Service COVID-19 vaccine clinic, nurses and the clinical pharmacist have the delicate job of drawing up to 120 doses a day from multi-dose vials.

The Pfizer (COMIRNATY™) vaccine requires careful handling once it is thawed from an ice-cold -70 degrees Celsius.

The vaccine is carefully diluted and then drawn up into six individual syringes. It's a very delicate balancing act to get each item individually prepared and detailed so it can be traced to each and every person.

"People just see a syringe being administered into their arm, but it's not just a case of drawing up a vial, there is so much more to it than that" said the Clinical Pharmacist.

"Residents are listening to a lot of different commentary on vaccination so they are holding back a little bit but my firm belief is come forward, put your hand up and get vaccinated. We have more than enough for the residents but like all medicines, there is an expiry date on the vaccine vial" she said.

The behind the scenes look was a timely reminder to residents to help protect the community from the recent outbreak happening across Australia. The message coming out of the Norfolk Island Health and Residential Aged Care Service today was; come and get vaccinated.

"If you have concerns, talk to your GP, we are at risk as much as anywhere else of catching COVID so get vaccinated" said the GP Practice Manager.

Protect yourself, your family, your friends, your workmates, your community, and someone you love.

