



NIHRACS COVID-19 Vaccination Program

The Norfolk Island COVID-19 vaccination roll-out is progressing well.

NIHRACS has commenced vaccinating the higher priority people in the community, in line with the national rollout plan. As at Friday 9th July, NIHRACS has vaccinated 407 people. All processes ran smoothly and will be continually refined to ensure the most efficient and safe program is delivered.

We are working to make sure everyone on Norfolk Island has access to safe, effective and free COVID-19 vaccines. We are working with the resources available to ensure the vaccination program on the island occurs as rapidly as we can manage. NIHRACS' has increased vaccination clinic days and anticipates both rounds of vaccines should be administered to all residents 16 years and above by mid-October 2021.

In line with the Australian COVID-19 vaccination rollout strategy, NIHRACS commenced phase 1a and 1b vaccinations last week.

Phase 1a & 1b:

- Frontline healthcare workers
- Aged care residents
- Disability support workers
- Elderly adults 70 years and above
- Other healthcare workers
- Younger adults (under 70years) with an underlying medical condition, including those with a disability
- Critical and high risk workers including defence, police, fire and emergency services

NIHRACS will be commencing phase 2a in the coming week, which includes the following additional group:

Phase 2a:

- Adults aged 50 and above

If you are eligible please phone NIHRACS GP Clinic on 22091 to book an appointment.

NIHRACS are committed to keeping the community updated. There will be further announcements when the phase 2b (people aged 16 years and above) will be available.

While you wait for your appointment, there are some things you can do now to get ready.

Things you can do to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

- practise good hygiene
- practise physical distancing
- follow the limits for public gatherings
- understand how to isolate if you need to

Plan ahead for two doses



It is important that you receive two doses of your COVID-19 vaccine. There should be at least three weeks between the two doses if you receive the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine. Optimal protection against COVID-19 will not occur until about one to two weeks after your second dose. In some circumstances, it may be better to have a discussion with your healthcare provider about vaccination before making an appointment for vaccination.

Residents who have already received their first vaccine dose of AstraZeneca off island can contact the NIHRACS GP clinic to arrange their second dose, which will be Pfizer.

For more information or questions phone the GP Clinic on 22091 during business hours to book a consultation.

