



NIHRACS COVID-19 Vaccination Roll-out Program

A COVID-19 vaccine is your best defence. Now's the time to arm yourself, your family, your friends, your workmates, your community, someone you love. This is a limited time opportunity.

NIHRACS is continuing the Norfolk Island COVID-19 vaccination roll-out and it is progressing well. We now have over 1,200 community members who have received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

A big thank you to community members who are helping to keep our community safe.

We are working to make sure everyone on Norfolk Island has access to safe, effective and free COVID-19 vaccines and would like to invite all residents who wish to have the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination to now book an appointment.

Please phone the GP Clinic on 22091 during business hours

TGA approves Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for 12 to 15-year-olds

Australia's COVID-19 vaccination rollout has taken another step forward with the Pfizer vaccine being approved for use in children aged 12 to 15 years.

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has thoroughly, and independently, assessed the domestic and international evidence before extending its approval for the Pfizer vaccine to be administered to this age group.

Up until now, the Pfizer vaccine had only been approved for use in Australia for people aged 16 years and over.

NIHRACS will be working closely with the Norfolk Island Central School and parents to ensure a seamless and safe delivery of vaccines for school aged children.

Booking your 2nd Vaccination

If you have had your first COVID-19 vaccination with NIHRACS you will be phoned 2 weeks after your first appointment to book in your 2nd vaccination.

Post vaccination

After receiving any vaccine, you may experience minor side effects. Most side effects are mild and last no more than a few days.

Common reactions to COVID-19 vaccinations include:

- a sore arm
- headache
- muscle pain
- fever and chills
- feeling unwell
- nausea
- tiredness
- joint pain.

Some people will have more significant flu-like symptoms from this vaccination compared to other vaccines and may require time away from normal activities. People should seek medical attention immediately if they experience these symptoms:

- a severe persistent headache with additional features
 - appears at least four days after vaccination
 - does not improve with simple painkillers
 - may be worse when lying down or accompanied by nausea and vomiting
- neurological symptoms such as:
 - blurred vision
 - difficulty with speech
 - drowsiness
 - seizures
- shortness of breath or chest pain
- a swollen leg
- persistent abdominal (belly) pain
- tiny blood spots under the skin away from the site of injection together with symptoms above.

If you have concerns about any symptoms after your vaccine or for more information, questions or to book an appointment please phone the GP Clinic on 22091 during business hours.