

NIHRACS COVID-19 Vaccination School Program

NIHRACS is continuing the Norfolk Island COVID-19 vaccination roll-out and it is progressing well.

Following the Minister for Health and Aged Care media release, NIHRACS is working closely with Norfolk Island Central School (NICS) to commence vaccination for children aged between 12 to 15 years old.

Dr Sam Jones, a local General Practitioner will be conducting an interactive information night at the school for all parents and students to address any questions and concerns.

Please phone NICS on 23000 to register interest and receive the COVID-19 consent form for your child to have the vaccine from now until the 23rd August. The COVID-19 consent form will need to be returned to the school front office.

Key dates to remember:

- 23rd August – Last day to register interest via telephone for your child to have the vaccine
- 24th August – Last day for the COVID-19 consent form to be returned to the front office
- 26th August – COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic (first dose)
- 16th September – COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic (second dose)

NIHRACS COVID-19 Vaccination Roll-out Program

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.

The COVID-19 vaccination program will close on the 30th September.

The last available date for your first dose to be received is the 9th September.

Key dates to remember:

- 9th September – Last COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for receiving first dose
- 30th September – Closure of COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Please phone the GP Clinic on 22091 during business hours to arrange an appointment

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.

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

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.

How to get your COVID-19 immunisation history statement

You can get your immunisation history statement using either:

- your [Medicare online account](#) through [myGov](#)
- [Medicare mobile app](#).

If you don't have a myGov account or a Medicare online account, you'll need to [set them up](#). You'll need these to use the app.

You can also call the [Australian Immunisation Register](#) and ask us to send your immunisation history statement to you.

People who aren't eligible for Medicare

If you're not eligible for Medicare, you can get your immunisation history statement online through myGov. If you don't have a myGov account, it's easy to [create one](#).

To get your immunisation history statement, link the Individual Healthcare Identifiers service (IHI service) to your myGov account.

You'll need an Individual Healthcare Identifier (IHI). If you don't have one, find out how to get an IHI.

Once you've linked the IHI service:

1. Sign in to your myGov account.
2. Select the COVID-19 vaccination status quick link.
3. Select View immunisation history.