

COVID – 19 Vaccination Update

Staff at Norfolk Island Health and Residential Aged Care Service (NIHRACS) have been working closely with the Australian Government to make available further doses of COVID-19 Pfizer vaccination for our residents, in line with the latest vaccine recommendations and protocols.

We are happy to announce the arrival of additional COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine to Norfolk Island late last week.

The following groups are eligible to phone NIHRACS GP Clinic on 22091 during business hours to book in:

- Individuals who are severely immunocompromised. Severely immunocompromised individuals are recommended to receive a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, two to six months after their second dose. For further information, please visit: <https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2021/11/atagi-recommendations-on-the-use-of-a-third-primary-dose-of-covid-19-vaccine-in-individuals-who-are-severely-immunocompromised.pdf>
- All residents aged 12 years and over who have not received their first or second dose

A clinic will be held by appointment only on 23 November 2021 at St John Ambulance.

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. Please phone the GP Clinic on 22091 during business hours to book a consultation.

Booster Dose Recommendations

Pfizer is recommended as a single booster dose for people who completed their primary COVID-19 vaccine course more than six months ago. NIHRACS will roll out a wider community booster dose program in early 2022. Further information on this will be released ahead of the program.