



COVID-19 VACCINATION

Primary Care Vaccine Roll-out

Provider Bulletin

14 April 2022

Bulletins provide you with regular updates and guidance on the COVID-19 Vaccine Program.

Key Messages

ATAGI UPDATES

ATAGI advice on use of sedation for COVID-19 vaccination

ATAGI has provided an [overview of the principles for the use of sedation](#) as one of the range of measures to assist in the safe administration of COVID-19 vaccines.

ATAGI Clinical guidance on COVID-19 vaccine administration errors

ATAGI has provided replacement dose advice for winter booster doses. Full advice is available at: [ATAGI clinical guidance on COVID-19 vaccine administration errors | Australian Government Department of Health](#)

REMINDERS

Children aged 5-11 now eligible for second dose of COVID-19 vaccine

Many children are now eligible for their second dose of their primary course of COVID-19 vaccine. Practices are encouraged to proactively reach out to parents and carers of children who have received their first dose of the vaccine and are now due for their second dose. Please consider making appointments available outside school hours or additional clinics on the weekend or through the school holidays.

Opportunistic vaccination

Please continue to utilise the opportunity to conduct whole-family vaccination appointments where available such as booking in adults for their boosters along with their children for their COVID-19 vaccine. Where possible, we would encourage practices to directly reach out to patients not already booked in to support this booking as soon as possible.

Co-claiming can be used for these appointments, please refer to the [factsheet](#) for further information. Practices are encouraged to proactively reach out to any patients that you know have received their second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine but not their booster to make a booking.

Vaccine withdrawals

To assist with accurate recording of sites wanting to withdraw from administering selected vaccines, we ask that you contact your PHN to notify your intention to withdraw or amend the vaccines you will be administering. Your PHN will pass this information onto the Taskforce to enable the accurate administration of the request.

Vaccine Operations Centre (VOC) Changes to Operating Hours

From Sunday 3 April 2022, the Vaccine Operations Centre (VOC) operating hours changed to the following:

Day	AEST	AWST
Monday - Thursday	7am – 8pm	5am - 6pm
Friday	7am – 9pm	5am – 7pm
Saturday – Sunday	8am - 7pm	6am – 5pm

VOC operating hours will change during the **Easter and ANZAC Day public holidays**:

Date	Public Holiday	VOC Opening Hours
15/04/22	Good Friday	09:00 to 18:00 AEST
16/04/22	Easter Saturday	09:00 to 18:00 AEST
17/04/22	Easter Sunday	09:00 to 18:00 AEST
18/04/22	Easter Monday	09:00 to 18:00 AEST
25/04/22	ANZAC Day	09:00 to 18:00 AEST

Deliveries Schedules across the **Easter and ANZAC Day public holidays**:

Date	Public Holiday	VOC Opening Hours
15/04/22	Good Friday	To be delivered by RDD Thursday 14 th April
18/04/22	Easter Monday	To be delivered by RDD Friday 22 nd April
25/04/22	ANZAC Day	To be delivered by RDD Friday 29 th April

You can also contact the VOC via COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre@Health.gov.au.