

# COVID-19 Update for General Practice

## 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

<p><b>QR Code Check-in</b></p>	<p>Most COVID-19 restrictions are easing for all people in NSW. Please refer <a href="#">HERE</a> for more information. <b>As General Practice is a premise for high-risk contact</b>, the PHN recommends continued use of QR code check-in for staff and patient surveillance and safety.</p>
<p><b>PPE</b></p>	<p>As a <b>potential high risk contact premise</b>, the PHN recommends continued use of PPE, including the wearing of eye protection and physical distancing in General Practice settings. <a href="#">Work Permissions and Restrictions Framework for Workers in Health Care Settings</a> (see page 8 for Exposure risk matrix)</p>
<p><b>PHN closure period &amp; Emergency Operation Centre</b></p>	<p>The PHN will be closed from 25 December to 3 January (inclusive). In case of emergencies during this time please email <a href="mailto:vaccine@thephn.com.au">vaccine@thephn.com.au</a> or log in to <a href="#">Capacity Tacker</a> to raise an alert.</p>
<p><b>Telehealth</b></p>	<p>Healthdirect video conferencing is still available at no cost to the practice. Please see our website for further information - <a href="#">Telehealth - Primary Health Network</a>. <a href="#">MBS factsheet: Continuing MBS Telehealth Services</a></p> <p>Please refer to <a href="#">MBS Online</a> for current billing advice</p>
<p><b>COVID Testing</b></p>	<p><a href="#">COVID-19 Testing Centres</a> – find the nearest testing centre in the Hunter New England and Central Coast region. <a href="#">COVID-19 fact sheets and brochures</a></p>
<p><b>Ordering of COVID vaccine for children aged 5-11 year</b></p>	<p>If you have already signed the Pfizer Site Readiness Declaration, log in to <a href="#">COVID-19 Vaccine Administrative System (CVAS)</a>.</p> <p>If you have not signed the Pfizer Site Readiness Declaration, you will be prompted to do so the next time you login to CVAS, once signed, you can place your first order.</p>
<p><b>VOC contact information</b></p>	<p>If you have trouble accessing the portal, please contact the <b>Vaccine Operations Centre (VOC)</b> via 1800 318 208 or email <a href="mailto:COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre@Health.gov.au">COVID19VaccineOperationsCentre@Health.gov.au</a></p> <p>For Covid-19 vaccine quantity changes/requests/questions, please email <a href="mailto:primarycareCOVIDvaccine@health.gov.au">primarycareCOVIDvaccine@health.gov.au</a></p>
<p><b>COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters</b></p>	<p>NSW Health is urging people to continue to keep getting vaccinated and to get their booster shots. People aged 18 and over are now eligible for a booster shot, 5 months after their second vaccination. Many people have received a reminder text already.</p> <p><a href="#">COVID-19 booster vaccine advice   Australian Government Department of Health</a></p>
<p><b>Vaccine related enquiries</b></p>	<p>For general Covid-19 related enquiries please email <a href="mailto:vaccine@thephn.com.au">vaccine@thephn.com.au</a></p>
<p><b>HealthPathways</b></p>	<p>For up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 vaccine information and roll out, visit <a href="#">Central Coast HealthPathways</a> (username: centralcoast password: 1connect ) or <a href="#">Hunter New England HealthPathways</a> (username: hnehealth password: p1thw1ys).</p> <p>See <a href="#">Central Coast Patient Info</a> and <a href="#">Hunter New England Patient Info</a> for patient information.</p>