

# COVID-19 Update for General Practice

## 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2021

A QUICK GUIDE TO ASSIST YOUR STAFF



<b>Second dose of AstraZeneca COVID-19</b>	The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has released a statement clarifying the dosage intervals for AstraZeneca in the context of a COVID-19 outbreak - <a href="#">COVID-19 vaccine – Advice for vaccine providers</a> <a href="#">Listing areas of COVID-19 local transmission as hotspots.</a>
<b>Pfizer EOI update</b>	The Department has not yet provided firm dates for onboarding the remaining interested practices to commence vaccinating with Pfizer. If you wish to submit an EOI for Pfizer please contact <a href="mailto:vaccine@thephn.com.au">vaccine@thephn.com.au</a>
<b>Recommendations to receive the Pfizer Vaccine (form/email)</b>	Information and instructions are available on <a href="#">Hunter New England HealthPathways</a> and <a href="#">Central Coast HealthPathways</a> .
<b>COVID-19 education</b>	Please see our website to register for <a href="#">upcoming webinars</a> or <a href="#">catch up on previous webinars</a> .
<b>MBS COVID-19</b>	<a href="#">MBS COVID-19 Vaccine Suitability Assessment Item Flowchart</a>
<b>Telehealth impacted area</b>	<i>healthdirect</i> 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> . Please see the <a href="#">Telehealth/Telephone Consultations in a COVID-19 Impacted Area</a> guide for more information on the MBS billing available.
<b>Electronic prescriptions</b>	Electronic Prescriptions supports the safe and secure transfer of prescription information between a prescriber and a dispenser using an electronic system known as a Prescription Exchange Service. <a href="#">Digital Health - Primary Health Network</a>
<b>Masks</b>	Please see <a href="#">Hunter New England HealthPathways</a> or <a href="#">Central Coast HealthPathways</a> for the practice management infection control processes to support your practices appropriate PPE decision making. Where there are interruptions to commercial supply of PPE please submit a request via the <a href="#">PeopleBank Request Form</a> or via <a href="#">Capacity Tracker</a> (Business Continuity/Requests).
<b>COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit</b>	The COVID-19 vaccine toolkit has been updated. This can be accessed via the <a href="#">website</a> .
<b>COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Checker</b>	Please email any changes to your practice contact and booking system details that are shown on the Eligibility Checker Bookings to <a href="mailto:vaccine@thephn.com.au">vaccine@thephn.com.au</a>

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTION DIRECTLY RELATING TO COVID-19 VACCINE ROLL OUT? CONTACT US ON OUR DEDICATED EMAIL ADDRESS: [VACCINE@THEPHN.COM.AU](mailto:vaccine@thephn.com.au)**