

COVID-19 Update for General Practice

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A QUICK GUIDE TO ASSIST YOUR STAFF

Practice exposure to COVID-19	RACGP has produced a document that outlines practical considerations for your practice if exposed to COVID-19 – Responding to a COVID-19 case in the practice team . Please also see the NSW government webpage - Guidance for business with linked COVID-19 cases .
Accreditation	Accreditation survey visits are unable to proceed in any areas deemed anything other than " low risk ", this means that any area that is in a lockdown will have to have their site visits postponed until lock down ends. Any practice with an accreditation visit scheduled after lockdown dates should plan to proceed as planned unless contacted directly by their accrediting body.
Recommendation to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine	Information and instructions are available on Hunter New England HealthPathways and Central Coast HealthPathways .
COVID-19 vaccine toolkit	The COVID-19 vaccine toolkit has been recently updated to include a clinical model for mixed vaccine delivery. For Pfizer site checklist document please see Pfizer Information Pack 16 August 2021
COVID-19 education	Please see our website to register for upcoming webinars or to catch up on previous webinars .
MBS COVID-19	The MBS COVID-19 Vaccine Suitability Assessment Item Flowchart can be used to assist you with identifying and billing the most appropriate vaccine suitability assessment item number.
Telehealth impacted area	<i>HealthDirect</i> video conferencing is still available at no cost to the practice. Please see our website for further information - Telehealth - Primary Health Network . Please also see the Telehealth/Telephone Consultations in a COVID-19 Impacted Area guide for more information on the MBS billing available.
Electronic prescriptions	Electronic Prescriptions supports the safe and secure transfer of prescription information between a prescriber and a dispenser. National Health Plan Guide for Prescribers & Digital Health - Primary Health Network
PPE	Where there are interruptions to commercial supply of PPE please submit a request via the PeopleBank Request Form or via Capacity Tracker (Business Continuity/Requests).
Second dose of AstraZeneca COVID-19	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 - COVID-19 vaccine – Advice for vaccine providers & Listing areas of COVID-19 local transmission as hotspots .
Pfizer EOI update	The Department of Health have not yet provided firm dates for onboarding the remaining interested practices to commence the Pfizer vaccination program. If you wish to submit an EOI for Pfizer vaccine please contact vaccine@thephn.com.au

DO YOU HAVE QUESTION DIRECTLY RELATING TO COVID-19 VACCINE ROLL OUT? CONTACT US ON OUR DEDICATED EMAIL ADDRESS: VACCINE@THEPHN.COM.AU