

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia

# Industry Update

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#### **Acknowledgement of Country**

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia acknowledges traditional custodians of country throughout Australia and recognises the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and to Elders past, present and emerging.



# **COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout UPDATE**



# Today: 4,128,300 vaccines in pharmacy

# ASTRAZENECA<br/>1,220,000PFIZER 12+<br/>664,900MODERNA<br/>2,200,0000PFIZER 5 - 11<br/>43,400

Number of pharmacies administering by state									
Vaccine	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	TOTAL
AstraZeneca	65	1133	19	748	277	94	706	443	3485
Moderna	64	1103	17	728	271	91	699	433	3406
Pfizer	53	809	9	446	202	59	477	319	2374
Pfizer 5 - 11	36	499	5	278	119	-	330	181	1448

# Vaccine rollout update



#### Week commencing 10 January

- 2,719 pharmacies claimed
- 432,362 claims
- \$11 million+ paid to pharmacies

Average weekly spend\* on combined 7CPA programs including DAA, staged supply, Diabetes Medscheck, Medscheck, HMR, RMMR, QUM is approx. \$3 million

\* (Using average of data published from July 2021-October 2021)



# **Questions from you**

- Moderna for 6-11 year olds
- Novovax
- Remuneration for paediatric vaccinations
- Increased allocations



#### **BREAKING NEWS: Moderna Allocation Increase**

- COVID Taskforce has increased allocations for Moderna for pharmacies who ordered a high proportion of their allocation (since mid-December 2021) to further support the rollout of boosters
- An immediate automatic increase to their dose allocation, effective from the ordering window commencing 15 January:
  - Site allocation of <600 doses per week, *increased* to 600 doses
  - Site allocation of 600 doses, *increased* to 750 doses
  - Site allocation of 700 or 750 doses, *increased* to 900 doses

**Note:** Moderna dose allocation quantity in CVAS is 10 doses per vial. When administering Moderna boosters, ensure that the dosage as a booster dose is 0.25mL (half recommended dose used for the primary course) = 20 doses per vial



#### **BREAKING NEWS: Booster shots**

- ATAGI today have revised timing for booster shots from four months to three months, where practicable
- If you have the staff, the stock, the time – go for it



Please continue with Pfizer 5-11 vaccinations as per normal, the changes to booster intervals do not change this cohort of the Program Roll-out



# Covid-19 Rapid Test Concessional Access Program (CRTCA)

# **ProjectCOVID**



## **Program Duration**

Program is from 24 January to 30 April 2022.

Months will be phased as follows:

MONTH 1: 24 January 2022 - 28 February 2022

MONTH 2: 1 March 2022 - 31 March 2022, and

MONTH 3: 1 April 2022 - 30 April 2022



# **Pharmacy Eligibility**

- s90 pharmacy
- Subscribe to GuildCare and have access to ProjectCOVID module enabled. No cost to access ProjectCOVID
- QCPP accredited
- Have own stock of TGA approved RATs
- Have an existing account via PPA Portal
- Agree to CRTCA Program Rules
- Continue to meet eligibility criteria



# Who is eligible?

#### Eligible people must have:





Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold, White or Orange Card





For what they have done, this we will do

#### These cards can also be accessed via a digital wallet





## Supplying RATs under the program

A pharmacy must:

- Display, in a prominent location to where the free RATs will be accessed, the Privacy and Consent Notice for verbal positive consent to be obtained
- 2. **Sight**, or have previously sighted, and **record** an eligible person's Commonwealth concession card
- 3. **Confirm** that verbal positive consent to record these details into the ProjectCOVID module is provided
- 4. **Confirm** the eligible concession card holder has not already been supplied either:
  - 1. Five RATs in the current month (note: 24 31 Jan is included as month of Feb) or
  - 1. The full allocation of ten RATs for the three-month period
- 5. If eligible, **provide** the individual(s) with a supply of RATs (minimum quantity of two RATs per eligible concession card number) and record the supply details in ProjectCOVID

NOTE: supply under the CRTCA Program will be at no charge to the concession card holder.



#### **Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs)**

- RACFs have access to testing under State and Territory arrangements.
- RACF resident (or their carer/family) who holds eligible concession card can present to a participating pharmacy for RATs under this program.



**RACF representatives cannot collect RATs on-behalf of residents.** 



# Claiming

- The pharmacy must record <u>each supply transaction</u> into ProjectCOVID
- In order to receive payment details to be recorded for each supply transaction please include:
  - Concession Card Number
  - Number of individual RATs supplied (RAT Quantity)
  - Date of supply (Transaction Date) system generated





#### **Payments**

- The pharmacy will be reimbursed \$10 plus GST per RAT, and a handling and administration fee of \$4.30 per supply transaction.
- A minimum quantity of two RATs per eligible concession card number are to be provided per transaction, up to the monthly allocation of five RATs per eligible concession card number.
- Only one transaction i.e. one fee of \$4.30 per eligible concession card number will be permitted in one day at the same Pharmacy.





### **Payments**

Example:

Number of RATs Supplied	RAT Payment (Incl GST)	AHI Payment	Total Payment	
2	\$22.00	\$4.30	\$26.30	
5	\$55.00	\$4.30	\$59.30	

The PPA will make payments:

- First payment expected before the end of February 2022
- Work being undertaken to make subsequent payments fortnightly



# **Supporting members**

- Consider:
- Allocation of stock
- Workflow
- Stock on hand





# GuildCare Activation A Demo Access **ProjectCOVID**

# **GuildCare Access**



#### **GuildCare Subscriber**

(Full or Lite) you use <u>GuildCare</u> for: Vaccinations, Project STOP, Professional Programs etc

# **Gather** your PPA Service Provider ID and QCPP ID

Activate the ProjectCOVID module in GuildCare when you see the button appear in the platform Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 2022

#### Go to

Ng.guildcare.com.au/projectcovid Submit form. ~72 hours to gain access Gather your PPA Service Provider ID and QCPP ID

All instructions at : https://ng.guildcare.com.au/projectcovid

#### Non-GuildCare

e.g. I don't have any access to Project STOP. OR I access Project STOP from The Cross



#### Finding your PPA Service Provider ID

- Unique 4-6 digit number that maps to a single pharmacy site.
- To find your PPA Service Provider ID, log into the PPA portal, go to Update Details or View Details tab, scroll down, and above your pharmacy's name, you will find your PPA Service Provider ID.
- <u>User Guide</u> provides step by step instructions.
  - <u>https://www.ppaonline.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Portal-User-Guide-Locating-your-PPA-Service-Provider-ID.pdf</u>

#### **Support? Contact PPA Support Centre**

- support@ppaonline.com.au
- 1800 951 285

# Finding your QCPP ID

Your QCPP ID is a 4-digit number and can be found via:

- The QCPP Customer Portal (portal.qcpp.com)
- Your QCPP Certificate or Accreditation Schedule
- Official correspondence from QCPP

Support? Contact the QCPP Support Team: (2) help@qcpp.com (3) 1300 363 340





#### GuildCare Activating ProjectCOVID



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Admin Pharmacy Details	External IDs	
		SAVE
QCPP ID	1234	
PPA Service Provider ID 🖲	987654	

#### User Guide will be available: https://ng.guildcare.com.au/projectcovid





# Support

**CRTCA Program enquiries:** 

- Pharmacy Programs Administrator in the first instance
  - Phone: <u>1800 951 285</u> (9am-8pm AEDT) Monday-Friday or Email: <u>support@ppaonline.com.au</u>

#### **ProjectCOVID technical software enquiries:**

- <u>support@guildcare.com.au</u>
- Cannot support with interpretation of Program Rules or Past Transactions

#### **Customer enquiries:**

Coming soon



# findapharmacy.com.au



# Find a pharmacy website

Will be updated to show pharmacies participating in the Concessional Access Program – 24 January

#### Week ending 13 January:

- Website Traffic 134,350 unique visitors to the site
- Appointment Bookings 65,375 direct digital bookings



# Updating Pharmacy details published on Find a Pharmacy



#### Update yourself, anytime, via MyGuild

All Proprietors have a myGuild Account (even nonmembers)

If you know your myGuild login details complete the following

 Step 1 - Go to <u>www.guild.org.au</u> and click on the yellow myGuild SIGN IN button on the top right-hand side of the screen, and enter username and password.



#### Updating details published on "Find a Pharmacy" via MyGuild

- Step 2 Select My Pharmacy Details from the menu on the right side.
- Step 3 Select the Pharmacy you wish to update from the dropdown manual.
- Step 4 Expand "Pharmacy Services"

Pharmacy Roles	÷
Trading Hours	+
Pharmacy Services	+
Pharmacy Languages	+
Invoicing Details	+
Ownership	+
SAVE ALL	



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#### Updating details published on "Find a Pharmacy" via MyGuild



- Step 5 select Concessional Access RAT
- Step 6 select provided yes and publish yes
- Step 7 scroll to the bottom and select SAVE
   ALL

Services	Provided	Published	Description
	○ Yes	○ Yes	
Concessional access RAT	No	No	Part of the concessional access to the RAT program



# **Other updates**

#### Essential Workers returning **I** to work – National approach

Essential workers are no longer required to self- isolate for 7 days if a negative result on the first day and have no symptoms	Must be tested every second day until day 6	Must wear a mask	Must monitor for symptoms until day 14	
If symptoms develop or a positive result returned – must leave the workplace and isolate	Aust Govt has pharmacy classified under Allied Health	Work Permissions and Restrictions for Essential Workers – Interim Guidance – 13 January 2022 Essential Services - Interim Guidance - 13 January 2022.pdf (pm.gov.au)		

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# **Essential workers RTW**



#### Western Australia

 No change to self isolate directions - 14 days

#### ACT

- Unvaccinated: No change to self isolate directions
- Depends upon the workplace risk assessment
- Workforce Shortage Fully vaccinated
  - If day 6 test negative, can leave quarantine after day 7 and RTW day 8
  - o Risk mitigation measure to be implemented
- Critical Workforce Shortage Fully vaccinated
  - If negative on initial test RTW can occur
- Risk mitigation measure to be implemented
  Information for health professionals COVID-19 (act.gov.au)

#### Tasmania

 Needs to be approved by WorkSafe as a critical worker.
 Depending the exposure or risk determines the necessary approach

Temporary exemption from close contact quarantine for critical workers in critical industries | Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

#### South Australia

• As 12 Jan 2022, pharmacy not listed as critical workers.

Permissions-for-close-contact-critical-workers-to-returnto-worksite-during-quarantine-period-for-COVID-19-8PM.pdf Testing and quarantine requirements for contacts of a COVID-19 case

# **Essential workers RTW**

#### **Northern Territory**

Pharmacy is essential workplace.

<u>CHO Directions No. 131 of 2021 -</u> <u>Directions for Territory border</u> <u>restrictions (nt.gov.au)</u> - p 18

#### Queensland

Pharmacist is the only critical worker in a pharmacy

- Employer in critical industry can create a list of critically essential roles. A close contact who performs critical role is considered a critically essential worker.
- Critically essential workers can leave quarantine to carry out role if no symptoms & fully vaccinated (2 doses of vaccine &, if eligible, a booster shot)
- Test on day 6 of the quarantine period. If symptoms, return to quarantine and not RTW until negative test result & symptoms resolve

#### **New South Wales**

- Pharmacy workers are critical workers
- Exempt from isolation if asymptomatic.
   If symptomatic, must have PCR test, not RTW until negative result
- Critical workers daily RAT for 7 day period from last contact with the diagnosed person. Must notify employer of each result

#### Victoria

- Critical workers = Pharmacist, Dispensary Tech/Assistant & supervisor of vaccination services
- Exemption applies to close contacts with no symptoms & negative RAT test daily for 5 days, before attending work. Only allows person to attend work - must otherwise quarantine
- If exempted worker develops symptoms or positive RAT test, exemption no longer applies. Person must isolate for 7 days & notify their employer.



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#### Hurry! Early bird closes Monday 24 January!

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