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Industry Update

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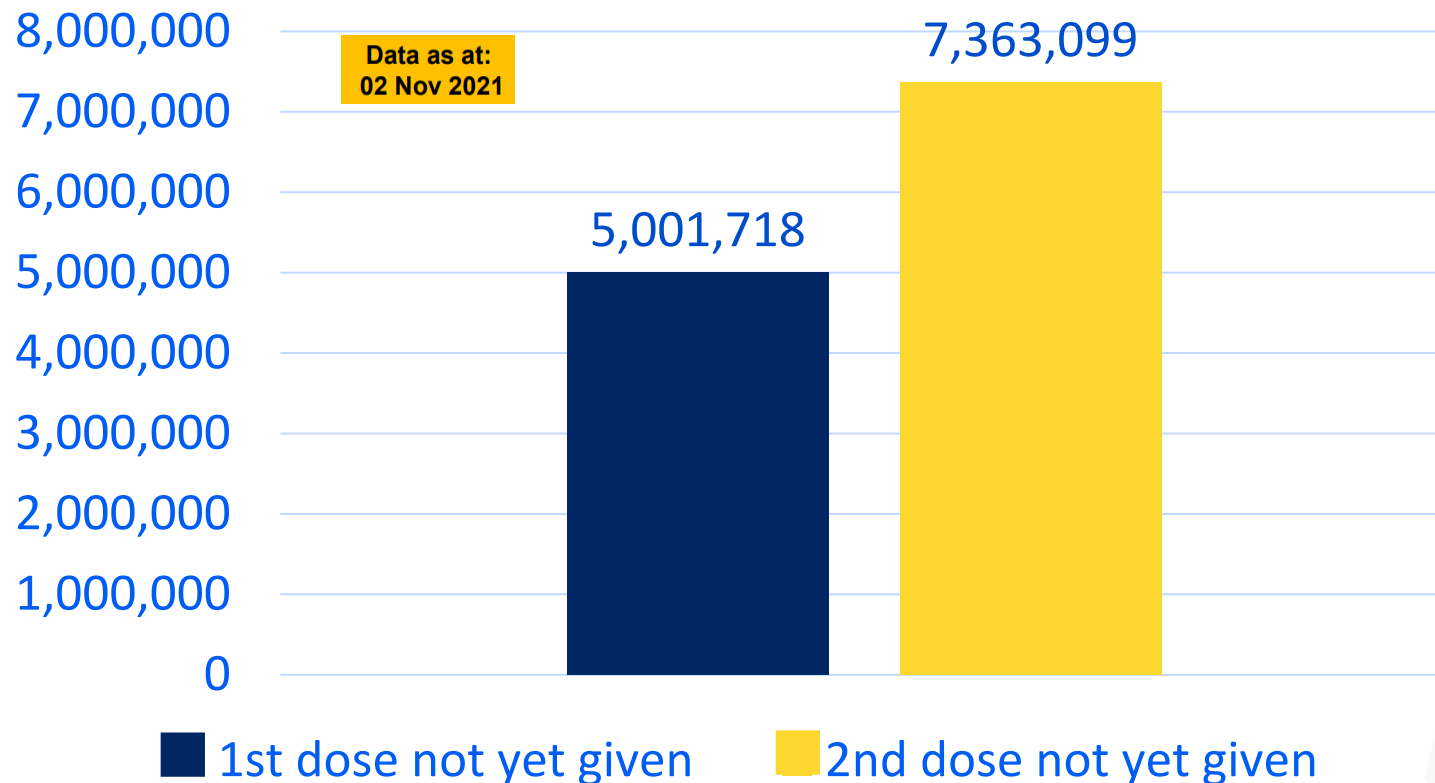
State of Play



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12.36m COVID-19 vaccine primary doses not yet given

(Population 5 and over)

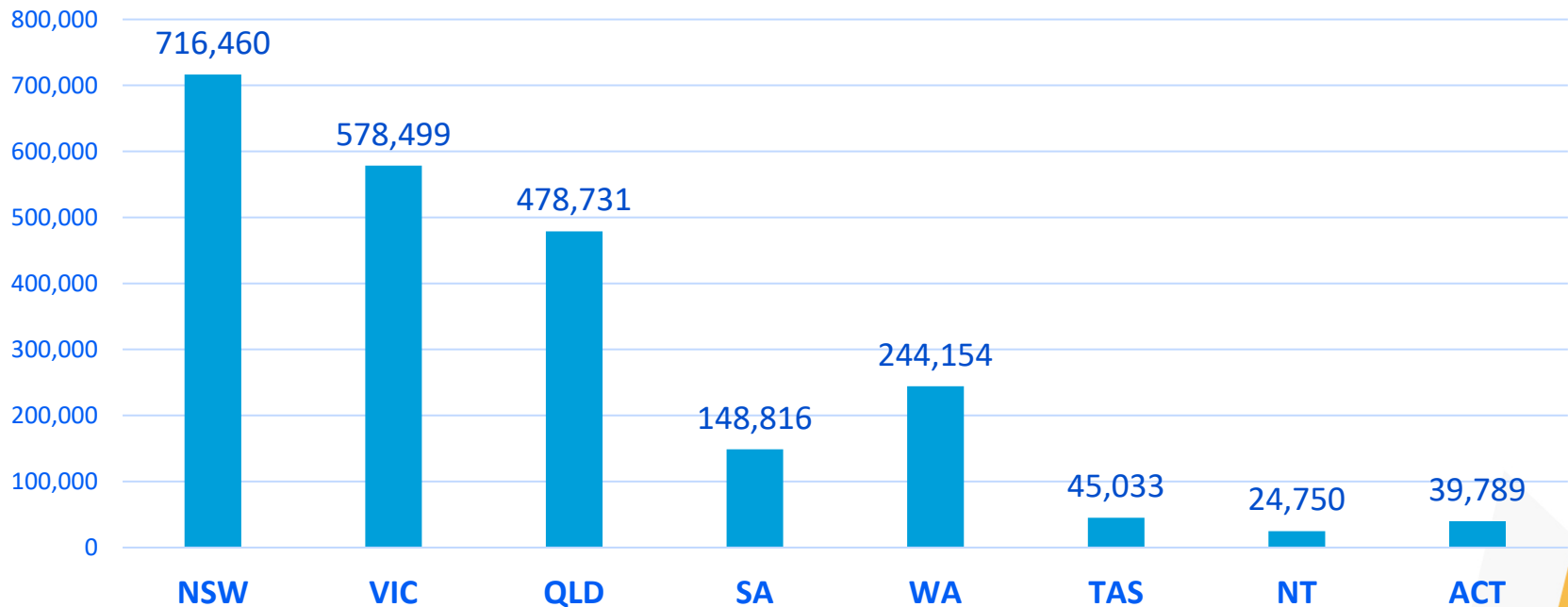


Booster & 5-11 yrs vaccinations coming soon



2.3m children 5-11years to be vaccinated

5-11 year age population by jurisdiction (number)





1,740,000 vaccines in pharmacy

MODERNA

700,000

COVID-19 vaccines
administered by
community
pharmacy reported
in AIR

ASTRAZENECA

1,040,000

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Number of pharmacies administering by state

Vaccine	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	TOTAL
AstraZeneca	65	1113	19	731	272	88	693	435	3416
Moderna	64	1074	17	703	262	87	683	416	3306



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Pfizer in Pharmacy

Last Week



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Pfizer approved for use in pharmacies including booster program from 8 November for 18 years +

"It's a universal booster, meaning it's available for people who've had Pfizer, AstraZeneca or Moderna"

Greg Hunt, Minister for Health

26 October 2021

Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines
will be available in community
pharmacies from **November 8th.**



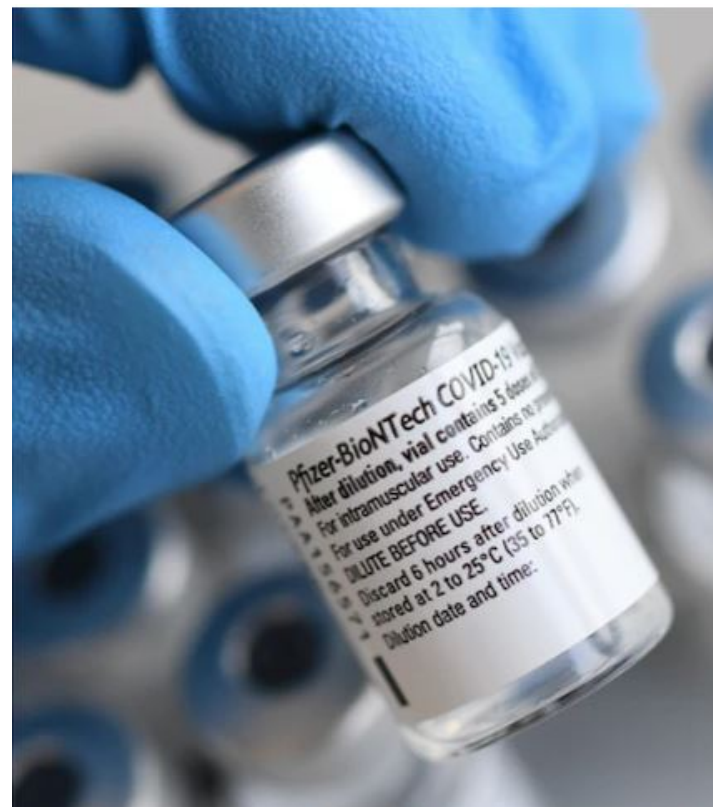
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**Not too late to participate. Please refer to the 26 July email from
Pharmacy Programs Administrator (PPA) or contact PPA:
support@ppaonline.com.au**



Ordering Pfizer

- If you responded to the simplified and accelerated EOI process from 26 July – nothing further required
- 1,156 pharmacies have ordered Pfizer
 - 927 pharmacies will receive stock by 12 Nov
 - 229 pharmacies will receive stock by 19 Nov
- Pharmacies are able to commence the administration of Pfizer doses as a primary course of vaccination - first or second dose - however are encouraged to focus efforts on the use of existing vaccine stock where possible





The Booster program

- Available from six months after completion of the primary course (second dose)
- AstraZeneca can also be used as a booster dose in the following situations:
 - received AstraZeneca for first two doses, if there are no contraindications or precautions for use
 - If a significant adverse reaction has occurred after a previous mRNA vaccine which contraindicates further doses of mRNA vaccine (e.g. anaphylaxis, myocarditis)
- ATAGI will make a recommendation on the potential use of Moderna as a booster down the track



After your Pfizer Vaccination – Patient Handout

- New information sheet now available
- Department Health Patient Handout available in multiple languages

COVID-19 vaccination resources
including above available at:
www.guild.org.au

Information for after your Pfizer (COMIRNATY®) COVID-19 Vaccine

Today your community pharmacist has given you the **Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine**. Congratulations on taking this vital step in protecting yourself, your family, and your community from COVID-19.

Two doses of **Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine** are needed for maximum protection. **Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine** may also be used as a booster. If this is your first dose, the pharmacy staff can assist you with booking in for your second dose. If this is your second dose or booster, a digital vaccination certificate will be automatically generated for you by Services Australia. You can see your COVID-19 digital certificate in your Medicare account through the Express Plus Medicare app or myGov.

What to expect after vaccination

You may experience some mild side effects following vaccination. Most side effects last no more than a couple of days and you will recover without any problems.

Common side effects after the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine include:	Less common side effects after the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• pain or swelling at the injection site• tiredness and fatigue• headache• muscle or joint pain and stiffness• fever and chills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• redness or itching at the injection site• enlarged lymph nodes (swelling or tenderness in the armpit)• feeling sick (nausea) or unwell• pain in the arm• insomnia

These side effects are usually mild, and start within a day after the vaccination and go away within one or two days. They can be managed by resting and using a pain medicine such as paracetamol or ibuprofen, or a cold compress if needed. Your pharmacist can assist with advice.

Some people experience more significant flu-like symptoms and may require time away from normal activities. These symptoms can occur after either dose but are more common after the second dose.


If after a few days of the vaccine you have unexpected symptoms or you have an expected side effect listed above that has not gone away, you should seek medical advice from your doctor or healthcare professional. Be sure to tell them that you have recently received the **Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine**.

Serious reactions such as allergic reactions are extremely rare and usually occur within 15 minutes of receiving your vaccine, which is why you are asked to wait in the pharmacy afterwards. If an allergic reaction occurs, your pharmacist is trained and equipped to deal with this. After you leave the pharmacy, call 000 if you think you are having an allergic reaction and experiencing severe symptoms such as difficulty breathing, wheezing, a fast heartbeat or collapsing.


Myocarditis and pericarditis are very rare side effects that may happen after receiving the **Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine**. Myocarditis is inflammation of the heart and pericarditis is inflammation of the heart lining. In the rare cases it has occurred, it has been within two weeks of having the vaccine. It occurs more commonly after the second dose of the vaccine and in younger men under 30 years of age. Most cases of myocarditis or pericarditis linked to **Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine** have been mild and recovery has been quick.

You should attend your nearest Emergency Department or call 000 if you have any of the following symptoms, particularly within 1 to 5 days after vaccination:


- chest pain, pressure or discomfort
- irregular or skipped heart beats or "fluttering"
- fainting
- shortness of breath or pain with breathing




Further information and side-effect checker is available from www.healthdirect.gov.au/covid-19-vaccination




Information about COVID vaccines in other languages is available from www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-information-in-your-language



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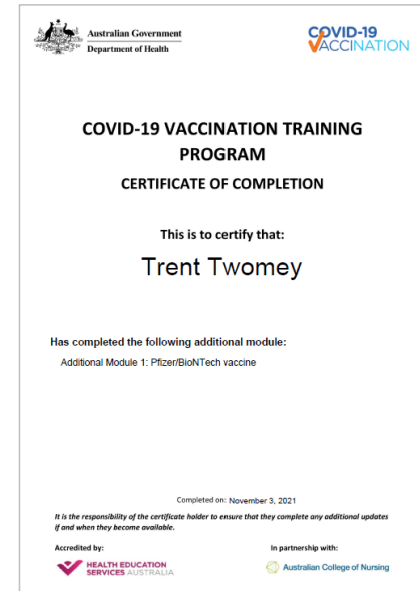


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Pharmacist Training

Pharmacist immunisers must undertake
Commonwealth COVID-19 training

<https://covid19vaccinationtraining.org.au>



1. COVID-19: an introduction	4. Multi-dose vial training and delivery
2. Handling and storage	5. Documentation and reporting
3. Communication and purpose	6. Safety surveillance and reporting of adverse events following immunisation (AEFI)



AstraZeneca vaccine

Moderna vaccine

Pfizer vaccine

Managing stock



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Transferring of stock between pharmacies encouraged



Contact the VOC 1800 318 208 and provide details e.g. batch number, expiry date and number of doses



Taskforce can only accept 20 + vials of Astra Zeneca, and 10 + vials of Moderna per collection. Requests assessed for suitability considering shelf life, time in transit and clinic location



Once assessed you will receive a notification email confirming collection or disposal instructions



It's better to use a vial on a person (regardless of dose numbers) then have the vial expire in the fridge a few days later



Please report wastage through CVAS



Vaccines

COVID Vaccines	5-11 years	12-17 years	18 years +	Booster 18 years +
AstraZeneca	✗	✗	✓	Sometimes*
Moderna	2022	✓	✓	✗
Pfizer	2021	✓	✓	✓

* AstraZeneca can be used as booster if received it for first two doses, if there are no contraindications or precautions for use, and if a significant adverse reaction has occurred after a previous mRNA vaccine which contraindicates further doses of mRNA vaccine (e.g. anaphylaxis, myocarditis)



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Marketing Campaign Update

- Month to date there has been **52,943** digital vaccination bookings made directly onsite
- Should reach **2 million** vaccinations administered in community pharmacy by end of November
- Digital ads have reached **783,937** people over the last week, for 16,299,632 impressions since the campaign commenced
- Month to date our advertising has been viewed **8,254,695** times by 2.3 million individuals
- This week ethnic radio goes live across **29** community stations in all states
- Promotional packs will be sent out to member pharmacies next week

LOCAL COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS
HAVE ADMINISTERED OVER

1,500,000

COVID-19 VACCINE DOSES

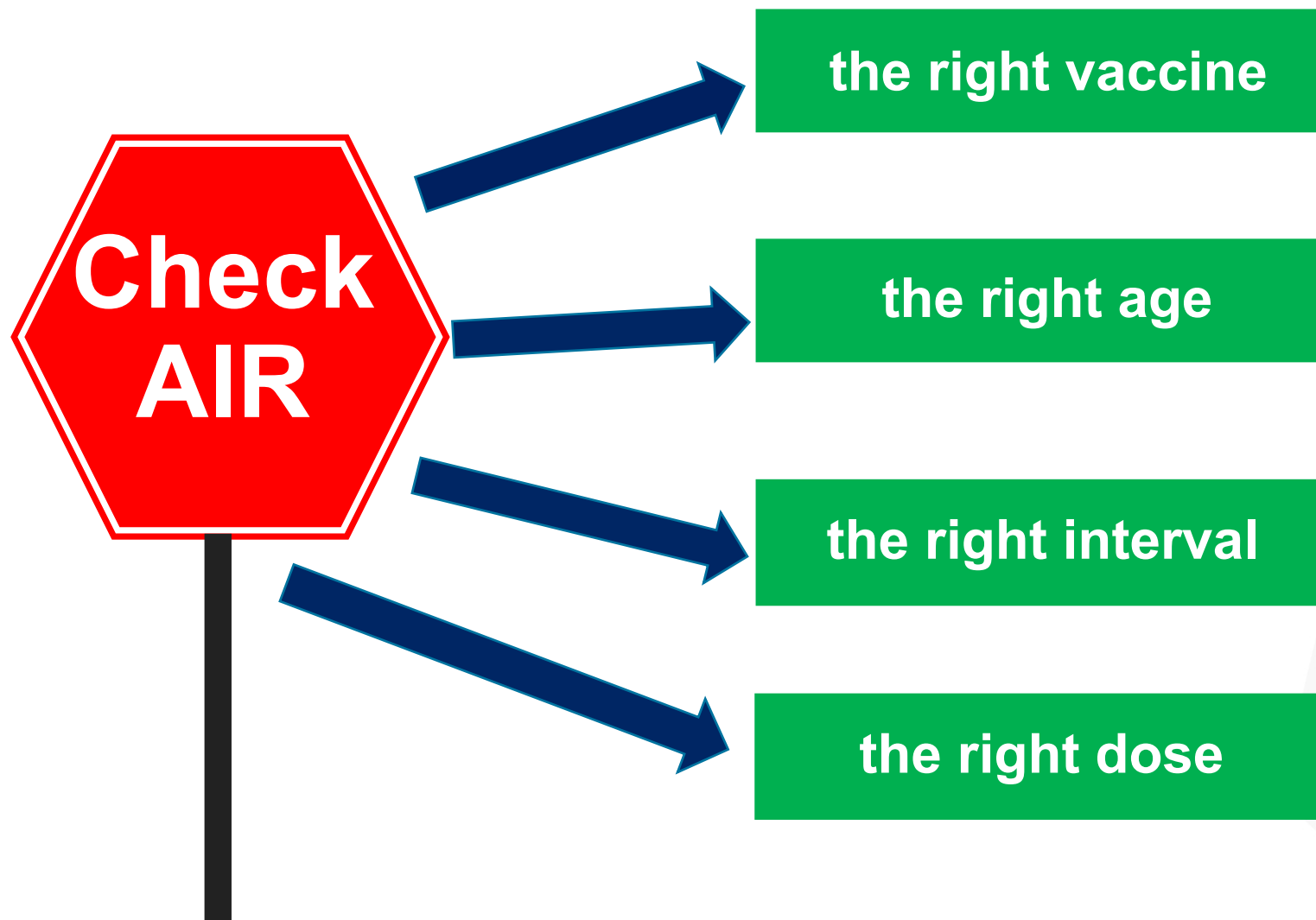
Book your vaccine today



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findapharmacy.com.au

Importance of checking AIR





COVID Point of Care Testing

- Support community pharmacy access to COVID-19 point of care tests approved by the TGA and included on the ARTG for:
 - provision of surveillance testing for pharmacy staff and asymptomatic patients
 - sale and supply of self-testing/home test kits to consumers
- Recognise PCR testing is the gold standard, however we support the use of other types of surveillance PoC testing in areas where COVID-19 is circulating in the community
- Support the provision of safe and quality PoC testing services - consider the TGA guidance for implementing COVID-19 RA PoC testing
- Acknowledge there may be pharmacies who do not wish to provide testing
- Support the sale and supply of self-testing kits to consumers from community pharmacy
 - access to a health professional and staff who are all trained

Guild Position Statement





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COVID-19 Podcast

- Available online
- Natalie Willis, Chair of Policy & Regulation Sub Committee, National Councillor and WA Community Pharmacist
- Gerard Benedet, Queensland Branch Director





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Latest Updates



Continued Dispensing Extensions

- Cth Continued Dispensing Emergency Measures extended until 30 June 2022
 - For Expanded list of S85 PBS medicines
 - Also requires S/T extension
- 13 Jan 2020 to 30 Jun 2021 – 360,000 people used CD
- Guild data shows range of health conditions
 - Diabetes, CVD, asthma/COPD, Parkinson's, epilepsy, glaucoma
- Need it to be permanent & to cover all people in need
 - CTG or S100 specialised medicines (e.g. HIV) not covered

Guild Digest

The **Guild Digest** is the pre-eminent publication examining the operation and financial performance of Australian community pharmacies. The Guild Digest is also used in negotiations with the Government for Community Pharmacy Agreements.

Be part of the 50th anniversary edition of the Guild Digest by clicking on the QR Code below to complete the survey



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Workforce shortages

- We are aware there are significant challenges in recruiting/attracting high quality staff
- Guild is looking for evidence to assist in our advocacy work regarding visas and migrations to attract internationally trained pharmacists

If you have any evidence to help support our advocacy work, please contact your local Guild branch or send an email to nationalwr@guild.org.au



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Indigenous Focus



Hesitancy Research – COVID PR Campaign

- Research shows Indigenous Australians reluctant to get a vaccine
- High percentage not booked in to be vaccinated and unlikely to do so
- More concerned about side effects and effectiveness
- Low trust in messaging/advertising
- Need to engage with key community leaders to educate



Source: CT Group, research conducted mid October



Australian Government
Department of Health



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Resources for vaccination providers

Social media resources



Printed resources





Our Reconciliation Action Plan

Reconciliation Australia have recently approved our RAP which will now be formally launched this month.





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End of Year Wrap Up

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TBC



8 December, 8pm AEDT



Pre-registrations open now





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**Remember we are here
for you!**

**Call 13 GUILD OR
covid-19@guild.org.au**