

MEDIA RELEASE

Nearly one million COVID-19 vaccines given by Gold Coast primary care during the pandemic

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Over 890,000 COVID-19 vaccinations have been administered in the Gold Coast region since February 2021 through the dedicated efforts of 272 general practices and other health care services.

With the inclusion of vaccines administered through GP-run respiratory clinics, pharmacies, and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs), primary care has delivered almost one million COVID-19 vaccines in the region since the start of the vaccine rollout in February last year.

GCPHN Chair and GP Dr Roger Halliwell said: “General practices managed increasing demand by opening after hours, on weekends, and using telehealth where clinically appropriate.

“General practices had to be flexible and adapt to constant changes during the pandemic. This was to ensure continuity of service for patients.

“GPs play a vital role in saving lives and protecting the health of our communities, and I would like to thank them for everything they’ve done during the pandemic.”

The Gold Coast’s successful vaccine roll-out was a collective response from GPs, Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN), the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service, GP respiratory clinics, ACCHOs, and the community.

GCPHN Chief Executive Officer Matt Carrodus said: “In addition to managing an increase in everyday services, the health sector responded swiftly and effectively to the demands of the pandemic.

“GPs, practice managers, practice nurses, administrative staff, receptionists, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers, all played a critical role during the COVID-19 pandemic response.

“Our analysis shows the leadership role taken, and volume of activity delivered, by general practices and ACCHOs during the pandemic.”

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Data for the GCPHN region shows the COVID-19 vaccine job is not yet done, with parts of the community still registering low rates of vaccination. For example, only 21% of children aged 5 to 11 years have been double vaccinated. And helping the community to get the flu vaccination is an ongoing, important role for primary health care services.

GPs, ACCHOs, and GP-led respiratory clinics continue to deliver COVID-19 vaccinations on a day-to-day basis, in addition to meeting influenza vaccination demands.

Queensland residents over 6 months old can get their flu shot for free until 30 June 2022. Even if you're fit and healthy, call your GP or local pharmacy to book an appointment or book an appointment online with your GP via [HotDoc](#). Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples can contact health clinics at Miami, Coomera, and Bilinga.

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Notes to editors:

Kalwun Health Clinics

- Miami Health Clinic
2020 Gold Coast Hwy, Miami QLD | Phone: (07) 5526 1112
- Coomera Integrated Health and Wellbeing Hub
7 Jowett Street, Coomera QLD | Phone: (07) 5514 7100
- Bilinga Health Clinic
Airport Central – 1 Eastern Avenue, Bilinga QLD | Phone: (07) 5589 6500

Source: Queensland Health

- Total COVID-19 doses administered on Gold Coast 16 years plus = 1,258,394
- Total COVID-19 doses administered by Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service = 365,797
- Total COVID-19 doses administered by primary care = 892,597

Doses administered from Sunday 21 February 2021 – Thursday 16 June 2022

Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) aims to identify the health needs of local communities. It funds and improves primary health services, to keep people well and out of hospital. GCPHN is an independent, not-for-profit company, one of 31 Primary Health Networks established by the Australian Government on 01 July 2015.

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