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COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS FOR ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES IN QUEANBEYAN AND GOULBURN

Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD) Aboriginal Health teams will host COVID-19 vaccination clinics for the members of the Aboriginal community aged 12 years and over in the Queanbeyan and Goulburn regions next week.

The Pfizer clinics will be available at Queanbeyan on Monday 23 August and in Goulburn on Thursday 26 August from 9am to 4pm.

Members of the Aboriginal community are urged to register for a vaccination with SNSWLHD's Aboriginal Health team, but people can also walk-in on the day.

The **Queanbeyan clinic** will be held at Level 3, Morrissett House, 7-9 Morrissett St, Queanbeyan, from 9am to 4pm, Monday 23 August.

The **Goulburn clinic** will be at the Old RTA building, 211 Bourke St, Goulburn, from 9am to 4pm, on Thursday 26 August.

Staff will also be available on the day to assist with questions about vaccinations and offer support.

Goulburn Health Service Aboriginal Health Team Leader, Richard Shipp, said it would be great to see as many members of the local Aboriginal community as possible roll up their sleeves and get the jab.

"Recently we've experienced the effects of drought, fire and floods; now COVID-19 is coming close to home and it is important that we as a community come together to fight this horrible disease by getting vaccinated.," he said.

"We know that COVID-19 vaccines are very effective at reducing transmission and hospitalisation. Widespread vaccination is an important step to protect yourself, your loved ones and the community. I do not want to see our mob in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) because they've contracted this disease. Please stay at home unless absolutely necessary, and book in for your vaccination."

For more information and assistance with registration contact:

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The Australian Government has identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 12+ years as a priority group for vaccination.

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