



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **COVID-19 Vaccination Program**

The COVID-19 Vaccination Program commencing this week offers a significant opportunity to keep our vulnerable community members and elderly safe. The vaccines are proven to provide significant protection from serious illness and are assessed by doctors and medical experts as effective and safe. Vaccinations are free and you will be able to choose if you get vaccinated or not.

Under the program, the first vaccines are being provided to high priority groups including quarantine and border workers, frontline at-risk healthcare workers, aged care and disability care residents, and residential aged care and disability workers. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults will be part of the next group to receive the vaccination. Vaccines will be easily accessible to everyone, including remote communities.

There is a large amount of misinformation circulating and it is important to access information about the COVID-19 vaccines and the roll-out of the Vaccination Program from a reliable source. Accurate and up to date information can be sourced from the following websites:

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#)
- [National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation](#)

You can also stay informed by subscribing to the [COVID-19 Vaccines Update](#) . If you are worried or concerned about getting vaccinated, please talk to your doctor.

The COVID-19 pandemic remains a significant risk to the health and wellbeing of our communities. Getting the vaccine means you will be helping to protect yourself, Elders and Elderly, your loved ones and your community. Please encourage your family, Elders and community to get vaccinated when it is their turn.

By all working together we can continue to keep our vulnerable community members and elderly safe.

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