



## COVID-19 VACCINATION

# Primary Care Vaccine Roll-out

## Provider Bulletin

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## Key Messages

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

#### **Allocations for Comirnaty (Pfizer) (5 to 11 years) vaccine**

Since 10 January 2022, over 141 thousand children between the ages of 5 to 11 years old across Australia have received their first dose of Comirnaty (Pfizer) (5 to 11 years) vaccine.

We would like to acknowledge the important role all primary care providers have played in this process.

We know some providers would like to receive larger orders of Pfizer (5 to 11 years). The Taskforce is currently reviewing and identifying opportunities to increase dose allocations. At this stage, the Vaccine Operations Centre is not able to assist with these requests.

If you require vaccine stock urgently, we encourage you to reach out to any nearby vaccination sites administering COVID-19 vaccines who may have excess doses available for redistribution.

**All primary care providers who have requested an increase have been noted and the Taskforce will provide further communications regarding this shortly.**

#### **Prioritisation of Boosters for aged, disability and health care workers**

Many states are requiring aged care and disability support workers to have a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose. While there are a number of channels available to access boosters and sufficient supply of vaccines, we would ask **primary care sites where possible to provide priority access to these workers**. Providing this critical workforce with priority access will help ensure they are provided with the opportunity to continue to protect themselves and the people they care for.

The Government is proposing to make reporting on aged care worker COVID-19 booster doses mandatory in coming weeks. Alerts have been issued to aged care providers, including residential and in-home and community aged care services encouraging them to start reporting on workers' COVID-19 booster doses through the My Aged Care portal ahead of the mandatory reporting requirement.

## **Reporting a Pfizer (5 to 11 years) Vaccination in the AIR**

In November 2021, the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) advised that there was no change to the reporting requirements to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) for Pfizer with the introduction of the 5 to 11 year old age group.

When reporting the administration of a Comirnaty (Pfizer) dose to children aged 5 to 11 years, vaccination providers should report using the vaccine code: **COMIRN**, as they would for all other age groups.

As providers are aware, it is mandatory for all vaccination providers to report to the AIR all COVID 19 vaccinations administrated on or after 20 February 2021.

**Vaccine providers should use** the latest version of their clinical software to make sure they meet reporting requirements. The Department of Health will continue to work with Services Australia to help software developers and vaccination providers meet their reporting obligations.