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## Primary Care and Vaccination: A pharmacist perspective

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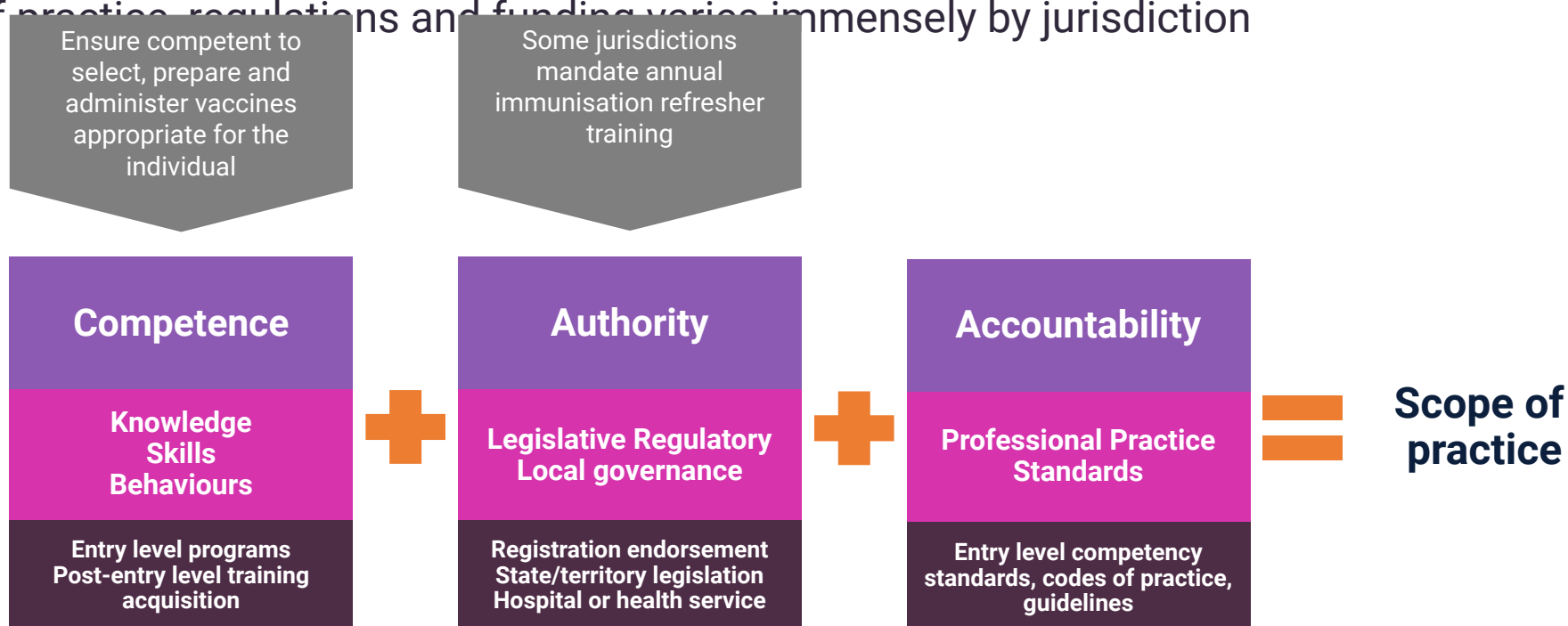
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# Community Pharmacy: Adapting and evolving *rapidly*

- 5800+ community pharmacies<sup>1</sup>
- Most frequently accessed health care providers in Australia<sup>1</sup>
- Scope of practice, regulations and funding varies immensely by jurisdiction





# Significant advance in pharmacist-initiated vaccine age regulation

INDUSTRY

By Chloe Hava - March 1, 2023



## Pharmacies to take on broader vaccination role

THE ACT Pharmacist Vaccination Standards are being amended to allow pharmacists, depending on age, to receive advice and vaccines for hepatitis A, polio, typhoid and herpes zoster at their local pharmacy.

Health Rachel Stephen-Smith said: "Pharmacists play a key role in providing healthcare support and advice for many people. They are also providing vaccination services in the ACT, a great option for Canberra residents."

Pharmacists are expected to administer a greater range of vaccines, including COVID-19 immunisation services and helping to

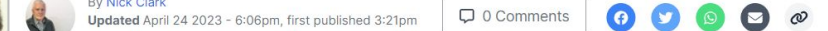
## Experts warn of tough winter with triple threat virus

By RPA Editorial Team - March 15, 2023



## COVID-19 vax available from pharmacies

By Nick Clark  
Updated April 24 2023 - 6:06pm, first published 3:21pm



## GREEN LIGHT FOR TASSIE PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER FLU VAX TO PEOPLE AGED 5+



News > Queensland

## Child health fears as pharmacies authorised to vaccinate patients as young as two

Debate has erupted over Queensland's Australian-first vaccination rules - raising the ha



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## FREE FLU VAX FOR QUEENSLANDERS

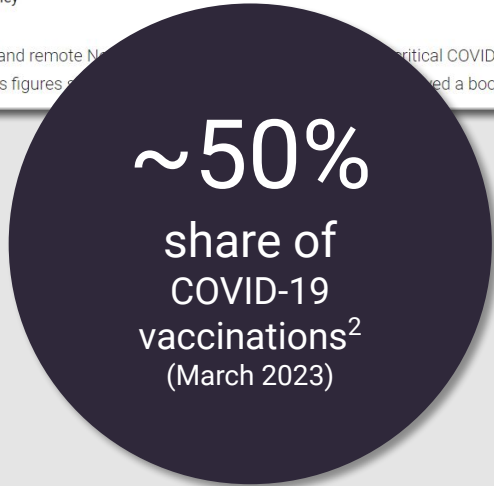
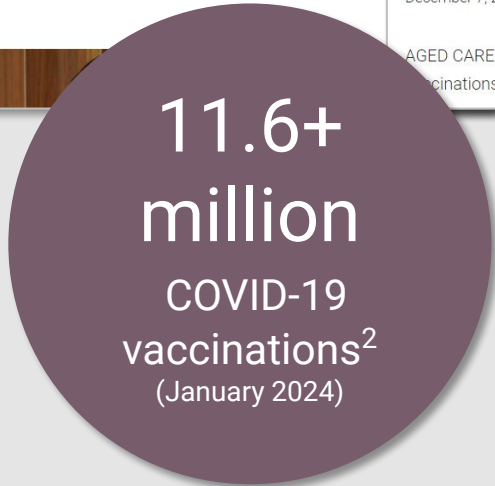


July 17, 2023

## Remote Vaccinations The Focus Of Pharmacists

December 7, 2023 By Roxane Manley

AGED CARE residents in rural and remote Northern Queensland received critical COVID-19 vaccinations this Christmas, as figures showed more than 50% had received a booster shot.



1, Dept. of Health & Aged Care, <https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-10/influenza-flu-immunisation-data-1-march-to-3-october-2020-2023.pdf>, accessed Jan 2024. 2. Data provided by The Pharmacy Guild of Australia

# Pharmacist Vaccination Formulary – January 2024

	Cholera	COVID-19	DTP	Hib	Hep A	Hep B	Herpes zoster	HPV	Influenza	JE	MMR	Men ACWY	Men B	Men C	mPox	Pneumo-coccal	Polio	Typhoid	Varicella
ACT	-	5	5	5	5	5*	5	10	5		5*	5	5	5			-	5	5
NSW		5	5	5	5*	5*	18	9	5	5	5*	5	5	5			5	5	5
NT		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	✓	5	5	5	5	18	5	5		5
QLD	2	✓	2-4yrs 5	2	2	2	2	2-4yrs 5	6mths-4yrs 5*	2	2-4yrs 5	2	2-4yrs 5*	2		2-4yrs 5	2	2	2-4yrs 5
SA		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5*	5		5	5		5
TAS		5	10		10	10*	18	10	5		10*	10	10			10	10		10
VIC		✓	12		5~	5*~	50	12	5	5	15*	15			5	50	5~	5~	50
WA		5	5			5	5	5	5*		5	5	5			5	5		5

## KEY

NIP/CVCP funded vaccines for eligible patients	State funded vaccines for eligible patients	Non-govt funded vaccines only	Not permitted	~ Only under Victorian Community Pharmacist Pilot * State funded vaccine for eligible patients (if ineligible for NIP) ✓ free for all ages Pharmacists must adhere to recommendations of the Australian Immunisation Handbook and ATAGI
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# Emerging opportunities to provide care in community pharmacies in 2024



# National Immunisation Program Vaccinations in Pharmacy (NIPVIP) Program



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- Allows eligible patients to access free National Immunisation Program (NIP) vaccines in a community pharmacy, with no out-of-pocket costs<sup>1</sup>
- Increases patient access and affordability of vaccinations for eligible Australians
- Funding mechanism (\$18.85) mitigates previous need to charge Professional Service Fee
- Eligibility:
  - aged 5 years and over at the time of vaccination and
  - eligible to receive the NIP vaccine in a pharmacy, and as per the NIP Schedule and in accordance with state or territory requirements/legislation

Can a community  
pharmacist vaccinate  
your patient?



1. Pharmacy Programs Administrator, National Immunisation Program Vaccinations in Pharmacy (NIPVIP) Program, [www.ppaonline.com.au/programs/national-immunisation-program-vaccinations-in-pharmacy-program](http://www.ppaonline.com.au/programs/national-immunisation-program-vaccinations-in-pharmacy-program), accessed January 2024



# Emerging care in community pharmacy

## Free influenza programs 2024

- Free flu programs drive significant increases in vaccination rates<sup>1</sup>
- In line with NIP vaccine launch, all Queensland residents over the age of 6 months can access the influenza vaccine for free in 2024.
- Similar program to 2023 expected in Western Australia in 2024, however, not yet

## Travel Vaccination – a growing role for pharmacists

- Many patients do not know they require travel health advice and travel vaccination rates remain an opportunity<sup>2,3</sup>
- A growing number of jurisdictions support pharmacists to provide opportunistic travel advice, assess, recommend and administer travel vaccinations and provide education and advice



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ACT



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**Advice-only:** SA, TAS, NT

- Clear practice and practice frameworks, including referral

triggers exist for care outside of scope

1. Data held on file, Terry White Chemmart  
 2. Lyons A. Before they go. *Good Practice* 2018; 7(4): 4–6. Available online: <https://www.racgp.org.au/download/Documents/Good%20Practice%2018-July-2018-July-2019-Travel-Medicine.pdf> (accessed Jan 2024)  
 3. *Medicine* (Abingdon). 2018 Jan; 46(1): 59–65. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7108245/>





# Strategies to improve immunisation coverage rates

**March-June 2023**  
Pharmacist CPD education,  
In-pharmacy & social  
media campaign



**October- November 2023**  
PR media, In-pharmacy &  
social media campaign



**Pharmacist Administered Pertussis Vaccines by Month 2023**

1. Data held on file, TerryWhite Chemmart via Medadvisor professional practice software





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# The 4 'C's of a Chief Pharmacist



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- Consistency
- Clarity
- Collaboration
- Common sense

*“... discrepancies remain in the vaccines pharmacists are authorised to administer between jurisdictions... illustrates the potential for **delayed consumer access and potentially poorer consumer outcomes**”.*

- The Unleashing the Potential of our Health Workforce  
Scope of Practice Review (Issues Paper 1), 23 January 2024