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Planning for your COVID-19 vaccination

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People in the Murray PHN region are being urged to remain patient as the COVID-19 vaccination program begins to roll out.

Murray PHN CEO Matt Jones said today that almost 40 of our general practices would begin vaccinations from Monday, which is week one for patients in Phase 1b.

“We are fortunate that, with little or no community spread of COVID-19, health care providers in our region have time to plan and coordinate vaccination in local communities, and to support their patients to take this important health step,” he said.

“Each week, more practices will come on stream, so that we will have more than 120 GP clinics across our catchment vaccinating within a month. Aboriginal Community Health Centres and GP-led respiratory clinics are also part of this phase.

“The overarching plan from the Commonwealth Government means that as locally produced vaccine supplies increase, more GP practices and pharmacies will come on board, so that everyone who wants to be vaccinated will have that opportunity.”

Mr Jones said it was important that people checked to see which eligibility category they were in by visiting the Vaccines Eligibility Checker: <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility> or by calling the National Coronavirus and COVID-19 Vaccination Helpline on 1800 020 080.

The eligibility checker allows you to book an appointment at a local vaccination provider if you are in Phase 1b, or if you are in later phases, to register to receive a notification when you are able to make a booking when your phase begins.

“It is great to see so much enthusiasm for the COVID-19 vaccine. Right now, Phase 1b is the Government’s focus, for people over 70, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders over 55, adults with a specified medical condition, healthcare workers and critical high-risk workers.”

“Even if you are in Phase 2, you can prepare by ensuring your Medicare details are correct, continue to practise good hygiene and physical distancing and if you're feeling unwell, don't go to work or other activities. Get tested and stay home till you receive a negative test.”

Mr Jones said Murray PHN was extremely pleased with the response of general practices in our region. “Primary health care is at the heart of regional wellbeing and our GPs and their teams are always ready to support their patients and communities.”

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