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VACCINATION BLITZ FOR EDUCATION STAFF

Starting today school, early childhood, TAFE NSW, Vocational Education and Training (VET) and university staff can access the Qudos vaccination hub in Homebush for Astra Zeneca vaccinations.

Minister for Education and Early Childhood Education Sarah Mitchell said tens of thousands of vaccinations have been reserved exclusively for education staff, with vaccinations one of the best lines of defence against the virus.

“The Qudos hub is complimented by 35 walk-in clinics in western NSW, and countless more clinics, GPs and pharmacies across regional NSW who are taking bookings,” Ms Mitchell said.

“As we prepare for a staged return to school from 25 October, and holding HSC exams from 9 November, vaccinating all staff is essential to increase safety and minimise disruption.

“I’m pleased to see that large numbers of the teaching workforce have already come forward to be vaccinated. Vaccinating staff, along with stringent school restrictions including mask wearing, will help make schools as safe as possible when students return.”

From 8 November 2021, all NSW school and preschool staff will be required to have received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

“The Qudos hub and walk-in hubs across NSW provide an opportunity for any staff member 18 years and above to quickly start or finish their vaccination journey,” Ms Mitchell said.

“With more supply entering the system I am hopeful we can create even more opportunities for staff and students to be vaccinated.”

Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education Geoff Lee said the safety of the state’s students, apprentices and trainees, as well as teachers and support staff is at the heart of the education vaccination blitz.

“We know that skills training will play an important role in helping our industries and economy re-open and recover from COVID-19, which is why the NSW Government is prioritising vaccinations for those working in this sector,” Mr Lee said.

“By getting vaccinated, you are ensuring apprentices can get back to learning the tools of their

trade, students can get back into classrooms and teachers can get back to teaching face-to-face as soon as possible.”

The Department of Education will continue to work with NSW Health to prioritise vaccinations for all staff across NSW, as well as HSC students over the coming weeks.

For more information about the COVID-19 Vaccination Program in NSW please go to nsw.gov.au/covid-19

BOOKING DETAILS

Qudos Bank Arena Vaccination Centre, Sydney Olympic Park
7am – 9pm, from Monday 6 September - Sunday 12 September

Bookings available [here](#) or via HealthDirect: <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/>

Parking is free in P1, Sydney Olympic Park

Walk-in locations and booking details for education staff in regional areas are available at the following link:

<https://wnswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/covid-19-information/covid-19-vaccination>

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