

Media Release

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier



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MORE DRIVE-THROUGH VACCINATION CLINICS FOR VICTORIA

After a successful start for Australia's first drive through vaccination clinic in Melton, Victoria will now be home to an additional three drive-through sites – helping us reach our goal of one million doses in the next five weeks.

Premier Daniel Andrews today announced the new drive through clinics will open at the Former Ford Factory in Broadmeadows, at Sandown Racecourse in Springvale and at the Eagle Stadium in Werribee.

The Melton clinic at the iconic Bunnings warehouse has seen a successful start, with 1200 doses delivered over the first seven days.

The new site at the Ford Factory in Broadmeadows will be soft launched this Sunday by invitation only, and will open to the public for booked appointments from Monday 23 August.

The Sandown Racecourse clinic will be adjacent to the existing Sandown Racecourse indoor vaccination hub and will run an invitation-only soft launch on Friday. It will open to the public for booked appointments from Saturday 21 August.

Combined, these sites will have 36 bays for drive-through but have the capacity to be ramped up if needed. Victorians will be able to make bookings online or through the Coronavirus hotline – they are essential.

The new site at the Eagle Stadium in Werribee will have room for both drive through and indoor vaccinations – we'll be looking to open this site towards the end of this week once more details have been worked through.

In addition, a pop-up vaccination centre opened yesterday at Peanut Farm Reserve in St Kilda. It is a walk-in, no-booking site designed for locals who are eligible for the vaccine. It administered 170 doses in its first two hours. It will operate 9am to 5pm daily for the next week. Primary Close Contacts or people with symptoms cannot attend.

Getting vaccinated is our long-term way out of this pandemic. That's why the Victorian Government is aiming to administer 1 million doses in five weeks – so far, we've delivered well over 100,000 doses.

There are 300,000 COVID-19 vaccine appointments available over the next four weeks and just over 80,000 Pfizer second dose appointments available. If you have any questions or concerns you can talk to a GP, pharmacist or to a senior and experienced immuniser at our state-run sites. The best vaccine you can get is the one that you can get now.

All Victorians are encouraged where possible to book their vaccination appointment by visiting portal.cvms.vic.gov.au or by phoning the Coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398.

Quotes attributable to Premier Daniel Andrews

"There are a million things that we miss about life before the pandemic and a million things we're looking forward to doing again once we're through this outbreak – each of those is a reason to get vaccinated.

"We're imploring every single Victorian to come forward and get vaccinated as soon as you can – there's appointments available and we need you to fill them."

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Martin Foley

For more information call the coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398 or visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

“Getting vaccinated is our way out of this pandemic. These new drive through clinics are convenient and easy to access – Victorians should take full advantage of them to get themselves and their loved ones vaccinated.”