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VACCINATION POP-UPS COMING TO A BUNNINGS NEAR YOU

COVID-19 vaccines are coming to more than 20 Bunnings stores across Victoria from next week, as part of a partnership with the iconic hardware chain to make vaccination more convenient for families.

The pop-ups will focus on a range of outer metropolitan and regional locations, increasing points of access to the vaccine in key Local Government Areas.

Starting Wednesday 16 March, the first vaccination pop-ups will open at the following Bunnings locations in Melbourne and regional Victoria, with each operating between 8:00am and 1:00pm:

- Anzac Parade, Wodonga (16 to 19 March)
- Cnr Cheltenham Rd and Springvale Rd, Keysborough (16 to 20 March)
- High St, Melton East (16 to 20 March)

Approximately 53 per cent of residents aged 16 and over in the City of Melton, 52.3 per cent of residents in the City of Greater Dandenong, and 65.6 per cent of residents in the City of Wodonga have had three doses of the vaccine.

In subsequent weeks, further pop-ups are planned to open in a number of other locations around Melbourne and regional Victoria.

Eligible people of any age will be able to attend without a booking to receive their first, second or third dose – and the paediatric Pfizer vaccine will also be on offer for children aged 5 to 11.

The rollout of Bunnings vaccine pop-ups will build on Victoria's success at the former Bunnings Warehouse in Melton, which has delivered more than 150,000 doses in arms.

Over the next week, Victoria's health services will also continue delivering vaccinations at pop-ups for support outer-suburban, regional and culturally and linguistically diverse populations, including:

- shopping areas such as Queen Victoria Market, Highpoint and The Mall in West Heidelberg
- regional events such as the Cohuna Show the Elmore Tractor Pull and the Swan Hill Food and Wine Festival
- community houses, centres and sporting facilities in Moreland, Melton, Mildura and more

You can book the next dose of your vaccine today at a GP or pharmacy, or book or walk-in at a vaccination centre. For more information visit <u>www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine</u>.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Martin Foley

"The vaccine is the most important tool in the COVIDSafe toolkit and now you can get it at Bunnings. We're proud to work with this iconic Australian business to get more jabs in arms."

"These pop-ups will be opening across Victoria, but they will focus particularly on areas with fewer GP and less pharmacy access."

Quote attributable to Member for Melton Steve McGhie

"This will provide another fantastic option for people in and around Melton to get easy and safe access to vaccines."

Quote attributable to Bunnings CEO Michael Schneider

"We're really pleased to be providing further support to the Government by playing a small part in vaccination popups and we'll will continue to actively explore ways we can support the program."