

IUIH Pharmacist first in Australia to administer COVID-19 Vaccinations



Pictured: Dr. Alison Nelson receiving her first dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.

On Monday 22 March The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health's executive leadership team visited Moreton ATSICHS' Caboolture Respiratory clinic to receive their first dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.

The Respiratory Clinic staff were supported by IUIH Pharmacist, Matthew Hoy, who is fully accredited to administer COVID-19 vaccines.

"We believe that Matthew is the first Pharmacist in Australia to administer any COVID-19 vaccine in a primary health care setting," Dr. Carmel Nelson, Quality and Innovation Director.

Dr. Alison Nelson – IUIH Organisational Development Director, was the first ELT member to receive the COVID-19 vaccine from Matthew.

Matthew is also able to assist clinic staff with providing oversight, cold chain support, pre-measuring doses etc.

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 18 years and over are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, which is made available through Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.

In addition, all non-Indigenous healthcare workers and other people in the named priority groups are eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine at our Respiratory Clinics.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccine locations can be found here:

<https://deadlychoices.com.au/resourcepage/covid19/>