COVID-19 Vaccine Administration by Authorised Registered Nurse and Midwife Immunisers

Summary This Information Bulletin advises that the COVID-19 vaccine has been added to the list of eligible vaccines in the Authority for Registered Nurses and Midwives.

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COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION BY AUTHORISED REGISTERED NURSE AND MIDWIFE IMMUNISERS

PURPOSE
To advise the NSW Health system that the COVID-19 vaccine has been added to the list of eligible vaccines that may be administered by a registered nurse or midwife who is an authorised nurse immuniser according to the Authority for Registered Nurses and Midwives (the Authority).

KEY INFORMATION
The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) provisionally approved the COVID-19 Pfizer (Comirnaty) vaccine for use in Australia on 25 January 2021. The product information is available from the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

The TGA also provisionally approved the COVID-19 AstraZeneca (ChAdOx1-s) vaccine for use in Australia on 16 February 2021. The product information is available from the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

Authority has been granted under the NSW Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966 to enable appropriately trained registered nurses and midwives to provide immunisation services without direct medical authorisation. The Authority, which includes the list of approved vaccines, is published on the Immunisation providers webpage of the NSW Health website.

Registered nurses and midwives must meet all the requirements of the Authority to be able to immunise independently, as outlined in the NSW Health Policy Directive Authorised Nurse Immunisers (PD2020_050).

For the COVID-19 vaccine, registered nurses and midwives must also: