

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Pop up vaccination clinics keeping the Gympie community safe

Gympie disability workers, their families, clients and the wider community now have additional COVID-19 vaccination options, with a series of pop-up clinics scheduled in March. The first pop-up clinic was held last week, with another clinic scheduled for Wednesday 23 March.

Central Queensland, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast PHN, in partnership with Bravo Disability Support Network Inc. and Twin Waters Medical Centre have organised the pop-up clinics to further support the vulnerable groups in our community with low vaccination rates.

Vaccination is key to keeping the community safe and this pop-up clinic provides another opportunity for community members to have access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, to protect themselves and their families.

Central Queensland, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast PHN Senior Manager Primary Health Care Robb Major said "COVID-19 vaccinations are a safe and effective tool for preventing or reducing the severity and long-term impacts of COVID-19 infection. Every person who gets vaccinated is helping to decrease the spread of COVID-19 and protect their local community".

"These pop-up clinics will also further support our local GPs to deal with the current demand for vaccinations and reduce waiting times" he said.

Deirdre Bennett, Operations Manager, Bravo Disability Support Network Inc. said, "We were pleased to work with Central Queensland, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast PHN to organise this first pop-up clinic and were delighted on the day to accommodate a family supporting their daughter to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, following two previous unsuccessful vaccination attempts".

Disability workers, their families and clients wishing to book in for the upcoming clinic on March 23 can register their interest by emailing <u>HR@bravo.org.au</u> noting their full name, date of birth, and 30-minute time preference. Alternatively, there will be availability for walk-in appointments on the day.

COVID-19 vaccinations continue to be administered by primary health care providers across the Sunshine Coast, Wide Bay and Central Queensland regions at select hospitals, respiratory clinics, vaccination hubs, most general practices, and some pharmacies.

To find a COVID-19 vaccination clinic near you, search "Vaccine Clinic Finder" online.

## Upcoming Gympie COVID-19 vaccination clinic details:

Date: Wednesday 23 March

Time: 2-6pm

Location: 22 Dennis Little Drive, Glanmire

Disability workers, their families, Bravo participants (clients), their family and members of the public are all welcome to attend.



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