

Dear parent/caregiver,

Our school has been selected as one of 24 school sites in South Australia to be a vaccination hub for our students, staff, families, and the wider community.

This is a local community opportunity for you and your child/ren to be vaccinated if you would like to but haven't yet had the opportunity. As Professor Nicola Spurrier notes in her letter to all parents (attached) vaccination is an essential tool in responding to the pandemic.

All students aged 12 and over are eligible, and all will require parental consent to be vaccinated as part of this program during school hours.

Consent packages for eligible students have been provided to us by SA Health which accompanies today's letter.

The **'COVID-19 SA Youth Vaccination Consent Card'** MUST be returned to your child's Care Group teacher by **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. The consent form will be given to your child at their scheduled vaccination times, for both Round 1 and Round 2. **Only students with parental consent will be vaccinated during school hours.**

On the day of vaccinations please encourage your child/ren to wear short sleeves, eat breakfast and have recess and lunch. We will be providing a quiet space for the students to be monitored by the vaccination team following their injection.

Round 1 is scheduled from **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November until Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. Round 2 is scheduled from **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. Parents will be welcome to have a vaccination after school.

A weekend community clinic will also be held at our hub and students and family members, including from other surrounding schools, can attend on this day, Round 1 is scheduled for **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November** and Round 2 is scheduled for **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

The vaccination team will deliver the first dose of the vaccine and return 3 weeks later to deliver the second dose.

The school vaccination hub is an important part of South Australia's COVID-19 vaccination program. We welcome the opportunity to be involved and provide this service to our school and local community.

Regards,



Alistair Williams, Principal.  
25<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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# A MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS FROM

Professor Nicola Spurrier,  
Chief Public Health Officer



**Dear parents and caregivers,**

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a worrying time for all of us.

The Delta COVID-19 variant is twice as infectious as the original COVID-19 strain and there are now more cases in children and young people.

Vaccination is the best way to protect you, your family, and your friends from getting sick, and reduce the risk of outbreaks and school closures.

**I encourage everyone aged 12 years and over in your household to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible.**

COVID-19 vaccines in Australia are safe and many millions of Australians are already protected.

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has recommended both the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for people aged 12 years and over in Australia.

Consent from a parent/caregiver for COVID-19 vaccination is required for anyone under the age of 16.

To find a location to get vaccinated and book, visit [covidvaccine.sa.gov.au](https://covidvaccine.sa.gov.au)

SA Health has lots of information to help answer questions, including videos, fact sheets and a range of other resources. For more information, visit [covidvaccine.sa.gov.au](https://covidvaccine.sa.gov.au)

Thank you for keeping South Australia COVID safe. Please join me in being a fully vaccinated family.

Yours sincerely

**PROFESSOR NICOLA SPURRIER**  
Chief Public Health Officer  
Health Regulation and Protection

