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100,000th vaccination an incredible milestone

A remarkable milestone in the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in south western Sydney has been reached with the 100,000th dose of the vaccine now being administered to keep the community safe.

Smithfield electrical engineer Nihad Malih is the 100,000th person to be vaccinated by South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) staff since the Liverpool Vaccination Centre opened its doors in February this year.

He said he felt lucky and incredibly happy to be the 100,000th person to receive their injection. The milestone was achieved on Thursday 22 July and it was also Mr Malih's second dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

"It is a wonderful milestone and I encourage people in the wider community to do the right thing and to book their vaccination to protect themselves, their loved ones and the community," he said.

"The vaccination is safe. Getting vaccinated will protect our community and help our lives start to go back to normal."

SWSLHD Chief Executive Amanda Larkin said all staff deserved the highest praise for achieving this wonderful milestone and for their devotion to administering the vaccine and to keeping the community safe.

"To reach the 100,000th dose requires a terrific team effort from staff from across the District, including our nursing, medical and pharmacy staff," Ms Larkin said.

"This outstanding milestone also coincides with the opening of our second vaccination centre, the South Western Sydney Vaccination Centre at Macquarie Fields.

"This new vaccination centre increases the capacity of our staff to administer the vaccine rollout in this district and to further protect our residents, families and the wider community."

SWSLHD urges everyone to get vaccinated as soon as it is possible. In doing so, you take an important step to protect yourself, your loved ones and the community.

Across NSW, almost 4 million vaccinations have now been administered.

Community members can find out more about COVID-19 vaccination and book their appointment through the Vaccine Eligibility Checker at <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility>