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SES lends a hand at vaccination centres

NSW State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers have expanded their work from storms and floods to supporting vaccination centres in south western Sydney.

Volunteers in their distinctive bright orange uniforms have been lending a helping hand to the thousands of people who arrive at South Western Sydney Local Health District vaccination centres.

The District's COVID-19 Incident Controller Sonia Marshall said SES volunteers had done a terrific job helping with vaccination check-ins, providing directions and co-ordinating the vaccination lines.

"Their help has meant more of our staff have the time to provide vaccinations to our community," Ms Marshall said.

"The SES volunteers have been fantastic. They have helped in so many ways, whether it is a friendly greeting or helping to answer a question from a community member."

The District hosted a thank you morning tea to praise the SES volunteers for their support over the last few months.

SES Metropolitan Zone Commander Greg Swindells said volunteers were ready to assist communities whenever their help was needed.

"We usually assist with emergencies relating to floods and storms, but were happy to assist our community in their time of need during the pandemic," Mr Swindells said.

"Our volunteers have stepped up to this new challenge and I am very proud of their efforts."

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 9 million vaccinations have now been administered.

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