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Celebration of 500,000th vaccination milestone

A Fairfield West university student was inspired to get vaccinated against COVID-19 to protect the community and to return to a normal life, but little did he know he would also be part of an incredible milestone for south western Sydney.

Silver Esho, 25, has become the 500,000th person to receive the vaccine from South Western Sydney Local Health District staff.

The milestone was reached as part of the District's mobile vaccination program at Fairfield Community Centre yesterday (Wednesday 29 September). It was Mr Esho's second dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

"I am really happy and grateful to receive the 500,000th dose and to be part of something to keep everyone safe. It is a very exciting day for myself and for everyone involved at the clinic,'' Mr Esho said.

"I'm now fully vaccinated and I did it to protect myself, my family and the community from COVID-19. I'd encourage everyone to listen to credible sources of information, not social media, and to go and get vaccinated. The vaccine works and it's safe.''

Mr Esho migrated to Australia from Iraq with his parents in 2013.

The District's Chief Executive Amanda Larkin said the 500,000th vaccination was an incredible milestone and a testament to the hard work and dedication of all staff involved in the vaccine rollout.

"Our mobile vaccination clinics are an important part of South Western Sydney Local Health District's vaccination strategy – people can walk in and get vaccinated at a time that suits them,'' Ms Larkin said.

"The clinics are an opportunity, particularly for our culturally and linguistically diverse community, to get protected against COVID-19. We encourage everyone 12 years and over to get vaccinated to protect themselves and their loved ones and to enjoy more freedoms in the near future.''

The mobile vaccination clinics are among a range of vaccination opportunities South Western Sydney Local Health District is offering, including South Western Sydney Vaccination Centre in Macquarie Fields, Liverpool Vaccination Centre and the Prairiewood Vaccination Centre.

To find a vaccination clinic near you, visit: www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au

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