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South Western Sydney celebrates 70 per cent double-dose vaccination

As NSW begins to reopen today, South Western Sydney is celebrating an historic milestone with more than 70 per cent of its eligible population now fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

NSW Health, general practices and pharmacies have worked together to provide more than 1.3 million vaccinations across the region since the start of the Federal Government's national vaccination rollout in February.

South Western Sydney Local Health District Chief Executive Amanda Larkin said the 70 per cent double dose milestone was a fantastic effort and a tribute to the community.

"More than 90 per cent of the eligible population in the seven South Western Sydney Local Government Areas have now received their first dose of the vaccine – an incredible result," Ms Larkin said.

"Thank you to everyone who has come forward to be vaccinated to protect themselves and their loved ones – this milestone could not have been achieved without you.

"Our staff, GPs and pharmacies have been doing a wonderful job to provide the vaccine to the community and I am so proud of their outstanding work.

"I hope everyone enjoys the new freedoms from today but please continue to stay COVID-safe."

South Western Sydney Primary Health Network Chief Executive Officer, Dr Keith McDonald PhD, said the region's residents could feel proud so many had come forward to get vaccinated to keep the community safe.

"Our general practices, NSW Health and pharmacies have been on the frontlines since the beginning of the pandemic, providing us all with great care and support," he said.

"When we needed them most at the end of June this year, our frontline vaccination workers rallied, helping with the smooth and swift rollout of vaccinations across our region.

"Our GPs, practice nurses and support staff have so far administered 739,818 doses of vaccine to South Western Sydney residents – what an outstanding effort.

"We are continuing to actively work with practices to further ramp up their vaccinating capacity and have engaged some to also provide in-reach clinics and home visits to some of the most vulnerable people in our communities who otherwise have difficulty accessing usual services."

Please visit the [Vaccine Eligibility Finder](#) for the most appropriate vaccination option for you.