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Vaccination centre welcomes former NRL player

South Western Sydney Vaccination Centre at Macquarie Fields hosted a special visitor today – former National Rugby League and South Sydney Rabbitohs star Beau Champion.

Mr Champion, an Indigenous All-Stars and NSW City representative player, played 107 NRL games, including 80 for the Rabbitohs.

South Western Sydney Local Health District Vaccination Lead Sally Walker said staff at the vaccination centre were delighted to welcome the special guest.

“We really appreciate Beau taking the time to visit our centre and encourage our community to come forward for booster vaccination. Our staff and community members, particularly members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, were thrilled to have the opportunity to meet him,” Ms Walker said.

“A total of 84 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in south western Sydney have received two doses of the vaccine and we encourage them to have their booster so they receive the best protection against COVID-19.”

All people aged five years and older are eligible for a vaccine. South Western Sydney Vaccination Centre is open seven days a week from 8.30am to 6pm and offers Pfizer first, second and booster doses. The Moderna vaccine is also available for people aged 18 years and over.

Community members can walk in without an appointment to receive their first, second and booster doses of Pfizer vaccine. However, bookings are required for children aged 5 to 11 years and vaccination with the Moderna vaccine.

Ms Walker said people aged 16 and over were eligible to receive the booster vaccination three months after their second dose.

“We have plenty of capacity – now is a great time to get your booster. There are plenty of appointments available after school and on weekends for children’s vaccination,” Ms Walker said.

Each child who receives their vaccination is presented with a Super Brave certificate.

To book appointments visit www.nsw.gov.au.