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New phase of vaccination program

South Western Sydney Local Health District has thanked its dedicated staff who have successfully administered more than 290,000 vaccinations at the South Western Sydney Vaccination Centre since it opened in July last year.

The NSW Health COVID-19 vaccination program is entering a new phase with the gradual closure of the state's high volume, large vaccination clinics, including South Western Sydney Vaccination Centre at Macquarie Fields, as demand has now decreased.

This will allow staff working in the centres, including many nurses, to return to their important roles in hospitals and health services.

The Macquarie Fields centre will close on 29 May with the District continuing to provide outreach clinics for vaccination of vulnerable and harder to reach communities.

"The centre has provided more than 290,000 vaccinations to date across all age groups from five years. At the height of the Delta wave of the pandemic, the centre was providing over 35,000 vaccinations a week," the District's COVID-19 Deputy Controller Sally Walker said.

"It has been an incredible effort from our staff and I thank them for their commitment and dedication, which helped to protect our community during the pandemic.

"I also thank the thousands of people who came to our centre for their vaccinations to keep themselves and their loved ones safe from COVID-19."

Ms Walker encouraged the community to continue to receive their vaccinations from their GPs and pharmacies, which are now providing the majority of COVID-19 vaccinations in south western Sydney.

"Vaccination is the best protection against COVID-19. I encourage everyone to make sure their COVID-19 and flu vaccinations are up to date as we head into winter," Ms Walker said.

NSW Health has contingency plans in place to support GPs and pharmacies if rapid upscaling is required to accommodate an additional booster dose or a new vaccine is required for a new variant of concern.

NSW has administered a total of 17,975,502 vaccinations as of 8 May 2022. Of these 28.2 per cent (5,068,310) were administered by NSW Health and 71.8 per cent (12,907,192) in other settings, such as GPs, pharmacists and aged care.

Appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations, including winter booster doses, can be made via the [Federal Government's COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

For the latest information about the COVID-19 Vaccination Program in NSW, visit the [NSW Government website](#).