

CORONAVIRUS — VACCINATIONS — JOONDALUP

**283. Ms M.M. QUIRK to the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the state government's efforts in getting as many Western Australians as possible vaccinated against COVID-19. Can the versatile minister update the house on the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination program and outline the arrangements that are now in place at the Lakeside Joondalup Community Vaccination Clinic and what this means for those in my electorate and across the northern suburbs?

**Mr R.H. COOK replied:**

I thank the member for her question. She is one of the great group of northern suburbs members who are strongly advocating for their communities. It is a really important question. The events in Victoria and, in particular, New South Wales remind us that COVID-19 is an ever-present danger to our community and the only way we can get through this global pandemic is if we take the opportunity to get vaccinated when we are due. That is the reason I was delighted to be with some members earlier in the week at the Lakeside Joondalup Community Vaccination Clinic. I note that that clinic is now offering the Pfizer vaccine to eligible people, which includes those aged 50 to 59 years. Demand at the Joondalup clinic has been very strong. We were pleased to see that more than 44 000 people have booked their vaccinations at this centre. I was particularly pleased to be there with the member for Kingsley, who rolled up her sleeve for WA and made sure that she was part of the growing cohort of people in the community who are getting themselves vaccinated. The clinic has the capacity to vaccinate 5 800 people a week. We aim to boost access to vaccination for people living in the northern suburbs. We now have a clinic operating in Claremont, we have the clinic in Kwinana which yesterday had queues right out the door and, as I said, the Joondalup clinic is running red hot.

Those aged 30 to 39 years who have made bookings at our state-run clinics will be vaccinated. Bookings for this cohort have been extremely high—appointments are already booked out until August. People aged 30 to 39 who have not yet made a booking are encouraged to do so at [rollup.wa.gov.au](http://rollup.wa.gov.au). They need to register their details, then they will enter a virtual waiting room and be contacted as soon as more Pfizer supplies are available from the commonwealth. Pfizer appointments will be offered Sunday to Wednesday each week in the community vaccination clinic in the west mall of Lakeside Joondalup Shopping City. Community members aged 60 years and over who are eligible for the AstraZeneca vaccine can book their appointments for Thursday through to Saturday. If people have already received the AstraZeneca vaccine, like the Premier and I, please note that the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation—ATAGI, as it is colloquially referred to—advises that it is very safe to receive a second AstraZeneca vaccine.

I am very proud to say that yesterday was a record in our clinics so far, with 6 345 people getting themselves vaccinated. That now means that Department of Health staff have administered more than 254 000 COVID-19 vaccinations right across Western Australia. This is in addition to our GP networks that are undertaking this task and the commonwealth-funded respiratory clinics.

The message to everyone is: if you have not been vaccinated, please book your appointment today and roll up for WA.