

Covid Safe Vaccination Clinics Q&A – Thursday 22 July 2021

Communique One – Friday 24 July 2021

1. **Question: Our area had an increased number of Tier 1 sites where a patient had visited and visited our practice. We were not able to get through to DHS. Several practices in our area are in the same position. Where do we find information about what to do, please?**

This enquiry is in progress and outcomes will be communicated when resolved

Current Status:

- Some advice will be soon available from the public health unit regarding contacts of contacts – update pending as this is a live issue and advice and guidance is being drafted with consideration of the high level of transmission associated with the delta variant.
- Further resources are available on the following links
 - GP practice planning - coronavirus (COVID-19) <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/gp-practice-planning-covid-19>
 - Confirmed case in the workplace <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/confirmed-case-workplace>

2. **Question: Where a patient has visited a Tier 1 site does the partner of that patient should also isolate and if they need treatment where they must be seen in the clinic, what can clinics do about this. Can we require both of them to wait the 14 days and have a negative test returned?**

- *If you are a primary close contact, you must quarantine (stay at home) for at least 14 days. If you refuse to get tested late in your quarantine period, you must quarantine for an extra 14 days.*
- *If you are a secondary close contact, you may need to quarantine (stay at home) for up to 14 days from the last time the primary close contact was exposed to a case, even if you feel well. This is in case the primary close contact has already passed on the infection to you.*
- Further information is available on the following link
 - What to do if you are a close contact of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 [COVID-19 - What do if you are close contact](#)

We understand the importance of these questions and we are currently following up the DHHS with these questions and will send on all the information once it has been provided

3. **Question: How long can I wear my PPE gown for when vaccinating?**

- *For 4 hours or less if it becomes soil, damp or you need to go for a break.*
- Further information is available on the following link
 - *Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - [coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)*

4. **Question: What can be referred to VicSIS?**

- Victorian Specialist Immunisation Services (VicSIS)
- *All individuals who are at a **higher risk** of developing an **AEFI** following a COVID-19 vaccination should be referred to VicSIS prior to vaccination.*

These include:

- Confirmed thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS)
- Immediate (within 2 hours) and generalised symptoms of a possible allergic reaction (e.g., hives) to a previous dose of a COVID-19 vaccine
- Cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST), heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT), idiopathic splanchnic (mesenteric, portal, and splenic) venous thrombosis or anti-phospholipid syndrome with thrombosis
- Anaphylaxis or generalised allergic reaction (without anaphylaxis) to any component of the COVID-19 vaccine to be administered
- A history of PEG or polysorbate 80 related allergic reactions
- A systemic mast cell activation condition with a raised tryptase who have been unable to tolerate previous intramuscular injections due to recurrent anaphylaxis.
(NB: People with a systemic mast cell activation condition, with a raised tryptase that have tolerated previous intramuscular injections without any adverse reactions, do not require a VicSIS referral)
- A history of capillary leak syndrome (NB: The product information for COVID-19 AstraZeneca has been updated to include advice for people who have a history of capillary leak syndrome. As a precautionary measure, COVID-19 AstraZeneca should **not** be used in people who have a history of this condition. A referral to VicSIS prior to vaccination is recommended for further assessment).
- Further information is available on the following link
 - Victorian Specialist Immunisation Services (VicSIS): : [Vicsis](#)

5. **Question: Guidance around the re use of PPE When running a vaccination clinic in GP clinic where we are the person collecting patient administering the vaccine, checking eligibility, and walking through clinic to get patients and vaccines?**

- *You are able wear you PPE during the whole clinic process. You would only need to don and doff when leaving a room if you were covid testing.*
- *Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Coronavirus (Covid-19) [PPE Vic.gov](#)*
- *HVAC System Strategies to airborne infectious outbreaks [Air exchanges - strategies for airborne infectious outbreaks](#)*