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DAACCS LATEST NEWS

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COVID-19

All NDIS participants aged 12 years and over are eligible for the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine. A vaccination will help protect you and your community. It's free and voluntary.

DAACCS has secured 65 Pfizer vaccinations, these vaccinations are for DAACCS NDIS participants, staff, families, and carers. The date of vaccination is

Tuesday 28 September 2021

Location: DAACCS office 120 Wayfarer Building, Eastern Valley Way Belconnen. Please email me, donna.law@daaccs.com.au, by Tuesday 7 September 2021 if you or your family would like to secure a spot.

How is DAACCS staff tracking with our vaccinations?

46% staff are fully vaccinated 😊

22% staff have had their 1st vaccination

23% are booked in for their 1st vaccination

9% have yet to make the decision.

DAACCS community remains at **ZERO** cases of Covid-19, this includes participants and staff.

Stay safe, please let us know if we can do anything for you.

Did you know?

Accessing allied health professionals via telehealth during lockdown

During lockdown, there are different options for accessing health services to help protect patients and health workers and stop the spread of coronavirus – this includes telehealth.

Allied health professionals including psychologists, physiotherapists, podiatrists, occupational therapists, exercise physiologists, speech pathologists and dietitians are eligible to provide telehealth services.

If you are unwell or need to self-isolate, you can still attend a consultation via phone or video call. And for Australians living in rural and remote areas telehealth can allow you to access allied health services that may have been previously difficult to attend.

Emotional Wellbeing Support

The following are free services available 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

Mental Health Line - 1800 011 511

Lifeline - 13 11 14

Mensline - 1300 789 978

Kids Helpline - 1800 55 1800

Beyondblue - 1300 22 4636

Head to Health is a government mental health portal that provides information on mental health

<https://headtohealth.gov.au/>



**Fact: The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.
So.. lets talk to each other!**



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NDIS WORLD

Latest information – Media Release and NDIS Temporary Covid Measures

Media release from the Minister: Hon Linda Reynolds 30 August 2021
New data shows that the NDIS continues to grow, with the world-first reform now providing disability support to more than 472,000 Australians.
The NDIA will now be releasing key data monthly to provide more regular updates on NDIS performance measures. This is in addition to the comprehensive Quarterly Reports.
The Scheme welcomed 6,020 new participants, for a total of 472,639 – slightly lower than the 474,602 forecast in the interim update to the [Annual Financial Sustainability Report](#) (AFSR) (July 2020 comparison: 6,961 new participants for Scheme total of 398,960);
[The monthly data report for July 2021 is available here](#) (PDF 60.6KB).

NDIS has a number of temporary COVID-19 measures to support participants during the pandemic, including:

Personal protective equipment (PPE) through NDIS funding
Participants with a reasonable and necessary need for PPE when their disability worker is supporting them can use their NDIS funds to purchase PPE.

- Visit the [health and safety page](#) for more information on PPE.

One-off deep clean

If a participant has a support worker attending their home who later tests positive to COVID-19, then the participant will be able to access a [one-off deep clean](#).

Assistive technology

- Participants can use existing NDIS funds to buy low-cost AT such as fitness equipment or smart devices to help access supports.
- [More information about low cost AT](#) for support continuity.

NDIS Acronyms C, D, and E

CALD – culturally and linguistically diverse
CB – Capacity Building
CEO – Chief Executive Officer
CFO – Chief Financial Officer
CICD – community inclusion and capacity development
COAG – Council of Australian Governments
CPR – Commonwealth Procurement Rules
DDA – Disability Discrimination Act 1992
DHS – Department of Human Services now called Services Australia
DRC – COAG Disability Reform Council
DSS – Department of Social Services
EA – enterprise agreement
EMG – Executive Management Group
EP – Exercise Physiology
EPMO – Enterprise Programme Management Office

Next newsletter we will move onto more.

For more information: [For participants - coronavirus \(COVID-19\) | NDIS](#)

Meet our team

Erick Support Worker



"Live your life to the fullest"

What is a fun or interesting fact about your hometown?

Every day is a festival in Manila, Philippines.



What are three items you'd take with you to a deserted island?

Water, a flare, plus a good single malt whisky.

If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

A good burger



If you could change something in the world, what would it be?

Equality for all (Miss Universe approved answer)

What is your favourite thing to do when you're not working?

A good single malt whisky and mountain biking with my mates

What is your favourite song from your teenage years that you still rock out to when nobody else is listening?

Anything by the Back Street Boys – Thanks Jack 😊

If you were a Disney character, who would you be?

Simba (Lion King)



What do you like best about working with DAACCS?

Being with my participants. Always something new every day. The DAACCS team is easy to work with.