

# Community Engagement Noticeboard

28 October 2022

## Local Partnership honoured with awards

Congratulations to the CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) Communities Local Partnership, for receiving two awards this month in recognition of their role in engaging multicultural communities during the pandemic. Awards included: **Victorian 2022 Multicultural Awards for Excellence** 'Health Award' and the **South Asian Entrepreneur Summit** 'Community Service Development Award'.

The Partnership, led by **Enliven Victoria, City of Casey, City of Greater Dandenong and Cardinia Shire Council** has provided outreach to 416,382 members from 36 community groups across 50 languages living in the City of Greater Dandenong, the City of Casey, and Cardinia Shire. This partnership is proudly supported by Bicultural Workers and Community Champions and **partnering agencies**, including:



- [Bakhtar Community Organisation](#)
- [Centre for Multicultural Youth \(CMY\)](#)
- [Dandenong Community & Learning Centre](#)
- [Dream Harmony](#)
- [IndianCare](#)
- [Kooweerup Regional Health Service](#)
- [Multicultural Youth Support Services](#)
- [Monash Health](#)
- [South East Community Links](#)
- [Southern Migrant & Refugee Centre](#)
- [Springvale Learning & Activities Centre \(SLAC\)](#)
- [Springvale Neighbourhood House](#)
- [Ventana Hispana](#)
- [Wellsprings for Women Inc.](#)

Photos: Bicultural workers and community champions actively supporting engagement with the community at **Monash Health** vaccination clinics in 2021.

## COVID-19 is NOT over – prevention is the best protection

COVID waves will continue to impact the more vulnerable people in our community. Protecting yourself is the best way to protect them.

There are lots of things we can do to help manage the coming COVID challenges, however being fully vaccinated is really the most important. Then testing, isolating, masking, living an outdoors life and getting treated early if eligible. And you can only get treatment if you test!

Getting vaccinated and boosted **greatly reduces** your risk of severe illness, hospitalisation, and death.

If you are due for a booster, page 2 of the noticeboard has information about in-home vaccinations and pop-up clinics this weekend and throughout November.

 [sephu.org/covid-vaccination](https://sephu.org/covid-vaccination)



• Vaccination



• Stay home if unwell



• Wear a mask



• Get tested



• Good ventilation



• COVID-19 medication

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## Monash Health Vaccination Bus coming near you

The bus will be visiting the following Monash Health locations with vaccination **open to employees, patients and the public.**

- Moderna Bivalent third dose (booster) for people aged 18 years +
- Moderna Bivalent fourth dose (booster) for people aged 30 +
- Pfizer also available for those eligible aged 12 +
- Please bring Medicare card or IHI details.
- No bookings are required, simply walk-in.

<b>Moorabbin Hospital</b>	Monday 31 October, 9am -4pm	Outside the main entrance to the hospital
<b>Kingston Centre</b>	Thursday 3 November, 9am -4pm	By the Education Building
<b>Cranbourne Integrated Care Centre</b>	Friday 4 November, 10am-4pm	Group Room 3
<b>Monash Health Community Springvale</b>	Monday 7 November, 9am-3pm	Consulting Room 1
<b>Casey Hospital</b>	Thursday 10 November, 9am -4pm	Seminar Room
<b>Dandenong Hospital</b>	Friday 11 November, 9am -4pm	Ante natal / old fit testing room



## Pop-in to the Pop-up at the Glen Waverley Expo

**Sunday 30 October 11am – 3pm**

**Glen Waverley Community Centre and Bowls Club**

690 Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley

- Moderna Bivalent and Pfizer vaccines available
- No booking needed, just walk-in with Medicare or ID

The **Positive Ageing Expo** is a FREE event with entertainment, activities, community information stalls, music and food. More info [here](#).

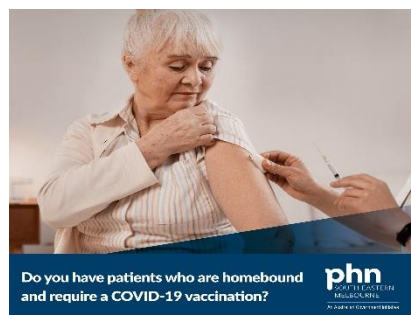


## Bus returns to Dandenong Palm Plaza

**Saturday 5 & 26 November 10am – 4pm**

Palm Plaza Meeting Room, McCrae Street, Dandenong (near Market)

- Moderna Bivalent and Pfizer vaccines available
- No booking needed, just walk-in with Medicare or ID
- Download [flyer here](#) and please distribute through your networks



## In-Home vaccinations available for housebound residents

- South East Melbourne Public Health Network (SEMPHN) are accepting referrals for home visits to people who cannot leave the home to receive a COVID 19 vaccination.
- This may include people who are providing constant in-home care, or those who are frail and elderly, people living with a disability or a mental health condition, **or those with social or cultural barriers** that make it difficult going to a clinic to get a vaccination.
- [Request an in-home vaccination here](#)

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## COVID-19 medication must be prescribed by a doctor



Victorians at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 may be eligible for medicines that reduce its severity if taken soon after symptoms appear. To check your eligibility, speak to a GP or click [here](#).

### REMEMBER:

- You should only take medicine that has been prescribed for you.
- Medicines to treat COVID-19 can have side effects if taken with some other medicines or supplements.
- See a GP to talk about what COVID-19 medicine is right for you.
- It is not safe to share your medicine with others or take medicine that has been prescribed for someone else.

## Multicultural COVID-19 video resources recently launched



**South East Community Links (SECL)** have just launched new multi-language mental health and wellbeing videos. The entertaining 'Every Person Counts' video campaign was produced in response to the continuing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic which has impacted many young people. Videos available in [English](#), [Arabic](#), [Burmese](#) and [Dari](#).

[Connect Health & Community](#) have partnered [Afri-Aus Care](#) and [Monash Health's South East Public Health Unit](#) to create videos for members of the Arabic-speaking community. Coronavirus is still a part of our community, but there are simple things we can do to stay safe while still enjoying life:

- [Find out more about vaccinations](#)
- [Enjoy safe gatherings with family at friends with these tips](#)

## Advice for all Victorians about diseases following flooding



Significant flood waters can remain for days and stagnant water is where mosquitoes can breed. Mosquitoes (or 'mozzies' in Australian slang) can carry diseases passed on to people through mosquito bites.

If you are travelling into these flood affected area, wear long, loose-fitting clothing as mosquitoes can bite through tight clothing. Use repellents that contain picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin. Even if you are not in a flooded area, higher-than-average rainfall can collect around your home. To help to control mosquitoes:

- Remove stagnant water from around the home to prevent breeding
- Check and seal rainwater tanks
- Empty water from flowerpot dishes, tyres, buckets and toys
- Keep mosquitoes out of your house by using netting or insect screens.

Find more ways to 'beat the bite' at:

[www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/campaigns/beat-the-bite](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/campaigns/beat-the-bite)