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**COVID-19 VACCINATION ELIGIBILITY EXTENDED TO ALL
NDIS PARTICIPANTS AND CARERS OVER 16**

All National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants aged 16 years and over and carers aged 16 years and over of NDIS participants of any age are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine from Tuesday, 8 June.

Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC, thanked National Cabinet for expanding the eligibility of NDIS participants on Friday.

“National Cabinet has refined the national vaccination rollout plan to maximise opportunities for Australians to be vaccinated over the second half of the year, in line with increased supply,” Minister Reynolds said.

“Opening up the vaccine eligibility to all NDIS participants over 16 is a very important step toward this goal.”

From tomorrow, Tuesday 8 June, all NDIS participants will be able to find a vaccination site using the Department of Health’s eligibility checker.

“We are working quickly to provide more locations for people to receive their vaccination in safe, accessible settings,” Minister Reynolds said.

“It is a particularly important step forward that both paid and unpaid carers of NDIS participants are now able to get the vaccination as soon as possible, and I would like to thank Carers Australia for their advocacy on this issue.”

The number of NDIS participants getting vaccinated is growing.

As at 6 June 2021 nearly 40,500 NDIS participants had received at least one dose of the vaccine, an increase of 9,200 since 25 May 2021. This now represents around 16 per cent of all NDIS participants.

Nationally, more than 7,800 NDIS participants in residential disability and residential aged care settings eligible under Phase 1a, have had at least one dose of the vaccine. This now represents 28 per cent of those NDIS participants eligible under Phase 1a.

There are now many locations participants and carers can receive their vaccination, with more in the coming weeks. Find out more at: <http://health.gov.au/covid19-vaccines>

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