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## Fast-Tracked Vaccine Doses a Shot In The Arm For Top End

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The vaccine rollout is speeding up in the Top End with a new COVID-19 Vaccine Pop-Up Clinic open in Katherine and more vaccine doses coming online.

This comes as a 72 hour lockdown was declared for Greater Darwin and Katherine effective from 12pm, August 16 to slow any potential spread of COVID-19 in our communities

The clinic is operating at the old School Oval on the corner of O'Shea Terrace and Second Street, with parking available via O'Shea Terrace.

An additional 1000 COVID-19 vaccine doses will be available over coming days for the Katherine community.

These doses have been fast-tracked from the Katherine allocation to expand access for residents and get the community vaccinated as fast as possible.

The Katherine COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic will continue to operate at the Training Centre J Block, Department of Education, 19 Second Street, Katherine.

You can book a COVID-19 Vaccine appointment in Katherine through the COVID-19 website at: <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/stay-safe/COVID-19-vaccinations/booking-your-covid-19-vaccine>

A total of 1846 COVID-19 tests were undertaken across the NT yesterday. All COVID-19 tests undertaken at this time have returned a negative result.

Further COVID-19 test results are expected later today.

It is important all people in the Northern Territory continue to check the COVID-19 website to review the list of [NT public exposure sites](#) as it is regularly updated as new information is provided through contact tracing.

### Quotes from Health Minister Natasha Fyles:

"I want to thank Territorians for doing the right thing and getting vaccinated in such high numbers.

"We have put measures in place to further accelerate the vaccine rollout so we can protect all Territorians – particularly vulnerable people living in surrounding communities.

"The Territory Labor Government is working closely with the Commonwealth Government and we have now received 8500 extra vaccine doses following their announcement of an additional one million doses over the weekend."

### Quotes from the Member for Arnhem and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Selena Uibo:

"We know that this positive case in the Territory was found to be at his most infectious while in the Katherine community and we need to do everything we can to stay safe.

"If you live in communities surrounding Greater Darwin or Katherine, it is important you stay where you are and don't travel into locked down areas unless it is an emergency or for essential items.

"These fast-tracked vaccines are a shot in the arm for the Katherine community and I call on everyone who has not yet booked their vaccine to do so as soon as possible."