

AAQHC News Bulletin

A Voice For Safety and Quality

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Bulletin for your information

NMBA

Recently the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) sent out a Bulletin asking nurse and midwife immunisers to complete a survey about their vaccination education.

An excerpt of the Bulletin is below:

Calling all nurse and midwife immunisers: help us with COVID-19 vaccination preparation

The information gathered from the survey will help state and territory health departments with preparations for a potential Australia-wide rollout of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Currently in each state and territory, registered nurses (and midwives in some jurisdictions) who have completed the required education are able to administer vaccinations in accordance with the Australian Immunisation Handbook (2018) without the need for the vaccine to be individually prescribed.

At present there is no central database of nurse and midwife immunisers – this survey will used to develop a database.

Nurse and midwife immunisers are invited to participate in this short survey which should take **3-5 minutes to complete**.

Important information

The NMBA and Ahpra will share your responses to the survey (including your contact details) with the relevant state or territory health department in which you practice. That health department may use that information in order to plan and implement arrangements to implement a COVID-19 vaccination program, including to contact you regarding those arrangements. The health department may engage third parties to assist with this and may disclose your information to those third parties for that purpose, and in a way that protects your privacy.

In this Bulletin:

- NMBA survey for immunisers
- ACN Affiliate
 Newsletter

Please note:

- This survey is voluntary, there is no requirement from the NMBA or Ahpra for you to complete this survey.
- All information collected will be treated confidentially.
- Data collected will only be used for the purposes described above.

Please complete the survey by **13 November 2020**. Clicking on the link below tells us that you would like to participate in the survey.

Take the survey

ACN

The AAQHC are an affiliate with the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) and they distribute an Affiliate eNewsletter which provides updates about exciting offers and opportunities the college offers.

Some interesting pieces include:

- An offer to the first nursing-specific health Policy Fellowships in Australia. The program allows emerging and mid-career nurses to receive health policy and advocacy education and mentoring, including skills around researching, writing, presenting and producing documents, such as policy statements, commentaries, issues papers, white papers and scoping reviews.
- Celebrating International Men's Day, the college is hosting a Let's Talk Leadership webinar with The Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG.
- The college has put together a range of resources to help you progress your career. Whether you are searching for a new job, wanting to excel in your current role or exploring career pathways, our articles, fact sheets, videos and podcasts will provide advice and inspiration.

You can access the Affiliate eNewsletter by clicking on the Link.

Contact us at aaqhc@aaqhc.org.au

"We now accept the fact that learning is a lifelong process of keeping abreast of change".

~Peter Drucker