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**Response to your enquiry (Our ref: M21/13869)**

Dear Mr Barrett and Mr Gilson

Via email: [admin@afda.org.au](mailto:admin@afda.org.au)

Thank you for writing to Dr Kerry Chant, Chief Health Officer, NSW Health, and to the Minister for Health Medical Research, about priority COVID-19 vaccinations for funeral industry workers. Please accept this response on behalf of both of approaches.

We acknowledge that employers and industry groups play a key role in supporting workers to get vaccinated and appreciate your advocacy on this matter.

The Australian Government leads the vaccination program, including determining eligibility and supplying states and territories with vaccine. The vaccine supply from the Australian Government determines how rapidly the rollout can occur.

All people aged 18 and over are eligible for the AstraZeneca vaccine and people aged 12 to 59 are eligible for the Pfizer vaccine. Vaccines are widely available through NSW Health vaccination clinics, general practitioners, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and community pharmacies. We encourage you to support your workforce to access vaccinations through these existing avenues.

More information about the national vaccination program is on the [Australian Government Department of Health website](#).

Thank you again for writing.

Regards

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