




Speech By
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Logan, Coronavirus Vaccination

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment) (6.02 pm): Queenslanders have the great ability of always rising to the occasion—whether that is on the sporting field, in business or industry, and right now with our state’s COVID-19 vaccination rollout. When supply became readily available for our state after a long wait, our COVID vaccination rates started spiking—first steadily and now significantly. Our state has recently moved past 80 per cent first dose vaccination and beyond 70 per cent second dose vaccination. Those rates are growing every day.

Very pleasingly, the Logan community has been a key driver of our increase in vaccination rates. When the call went out to get vaccinated, the people of Logan answered, as they always do. In the latest vaccination figures released by the Australian government, Logan currently sits at 80.1 per cent first dose and 64.7 per cent second dose.

Mr Power: Hear, hear!

Mr DICK: I will take the interjection from the member for Logan. This is a big improvement from where we were just one month ago—an increase of 13.1 per cent on first vaccine doses and 17.4 per cent on double doses.

Mrs D’Ath: That’s fantastic.

Mr DICK: I take the interjection from the Minister for Health; it is a fantastic result. This has only been made possible through the collective efforts of our local health workers, schools, GPs, pharmacists, multicultural leaders and community groups. Most importantly, these numbers are a credit to every resident of our great city of Logan who has rolled up their sleeve to be vaccinated. I want to thank each and every one of them for that. By going out and getting vaccinated, residents of the Woodridge electorate—and I want to thank the residents of the Woodridge electorate—and the city of Logan have chosen to protect their loved ones, our community, our state and our nation. It is a simple yet selfless act and one that will save lives.

Our government cannot and will not rest in our efforts to get more Queenslanders vaccinated ahead of our border reopening next month. That is why we are conducting another weekend vaccination blitz at schools across the state. In Logan, this includes Mabel Park State High School, Park Ridge State High School in the electorate of Logan and Shailer Park State High School—hubs that will be operating on Saturday. We saw 9,400 Queenslanders vaccinated at our schools last week—the majority getting their first dose, I am pleased to say—and this weekend we are aiming to deliver 10,000 vaccine doses.

The COVID-19 vaccine is the single best ticket out of this pandemic. As we are reminded by what is happening in large parts of Europe right now, there is a heavy and tragic price to pay for low vaccination rates. To the people of the Woodridge electorate, if you have not already done so, please go and get vaccinated. It is the best possible decision you can make to beat the virus and the best way to keep yourself, your family and our community safe.