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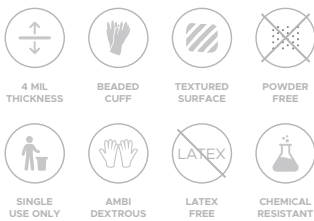
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Frontline workers plot career rethink

CONCERNS over safety at work during the COVID-19 pandemic have some healthcare workers considering their career options, research from digital mutual bank, Hiver, reveals.

The survey of close to 760,000 essential workers, found threats to personal safety at work, managing mental health and the ongoing nature of the pandemic were fueling angst among those on the frontline.

The poll found that one-in-five healthcare workers said they were considering changing their job as a result of the pandemic, while 19% of all essential workers - including those in education and the emergency services - felt the same way - up from 14% in May.

The research found that 55% of healthcare workers reported that they felt it was harder to fulfil their role because of the pandemic, with those in Victoria and NSW experiencing the greatest challenges, due to extended lockdowns, Hiver Chief Digital Bank Officer, Carolyn Murphy, noted.

"We know the responsibilities that essential workers are taking on are more intense than ever because of the pandemic," she said.



"The people who face-up to the very personal impacts of COVID-19 on a daily basis are telling us they are nearing breaking point."

"As the pandemic goes on, if we are expecting to continue our reliance on essential workers, we need to look carefully at how we can provide meaningful support in their lives."

"We are concerned to see that nearly half (41%) of essential workers aged 18-34 are finding it difficult to get affordable housing close to their work, which we believe could assist in reducing

stress and improving the mental wellbeing of many of our frontline workers."

The survey also found that almost two-thirds (65%) of essential workers were finding it difficult to manage their mental health and wellbeing, up from 62% in May.

Adding to the stress being felt by those on the frontline, one-in-four health workers told researchers that they were struggling financially as a result of the pandemic.



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Pharmacies see Moderna vax bump

COMMUNITY pharmacies are seeing an increase in demand for COVID-19 vaccinations following the introduction of the Moderna vaccine.

Since the start of the Moderna rollout less than 10 days ago, more than 53,000 doses have been administered through 1,825 pharmacies across the country, in addition to the 669,000 AstraZeneca jabs given by pharmacists at 3,233 sites nationally.

In the eight days from 20 Sep, Moderna vaccines accounted for 37% of all COVID-19 jabs given through the pharmacy network, and just over 7% of COVID shots administered by community pharmacists since the sector joined the national campaign in Jul.

Following the start of the Moderna rollout, pharmacies in the ACT have led the way, with the 35 activated stores administering an average of just under 51 doses per store (1,784 shots in total), as of 28 Sep.

Victorian pharmacies have

COVID-19 vaccines administered through community pharmacies to 28 September 2021.



recorded the highest number of doses administered, 19,500 - or an average of 44 shots per pharmacy - with NSW-based stores giving 16,900 doses (averaging close to 30 doses each).

Commonwealth Department of Health officials have reported that more than 2.3 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been distributed to community pharmacies to date, with more than 1.6 million yet to be administered.

In excess of 1.2 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine have yet to be administered, while 389,900 shots of the Moderna vaccination are in pharmacy fridges.

Department officials have confirmed that pharmacies can continue to move stock between stores, noting that such transfers "must be captured within the Vaccine Stock Management Report system by both the transferring and receiving site".

Pharmacy reused COVAX syringes

HEALTH Authorities in British Columbia have dropped a pharmacy from its COVID-19 vaccination (COVAX) rollout over concerns it was reusing syringe barrels when administering shots.

Fraser Health Authority was unable to say how many patients were administered a COVAX with the potentially contaminated syringes, *CBC News* reported.

"We were made aware of an incident involving an infection prevention and control lapse that occurred during COVID-19 immunisations where syringes were reused at a pharmacy in one of our communities," the authority said in a statement.

A patient impacted by the scandal told *CBC News* that she had been asked to contact a public health nurse for assessment.

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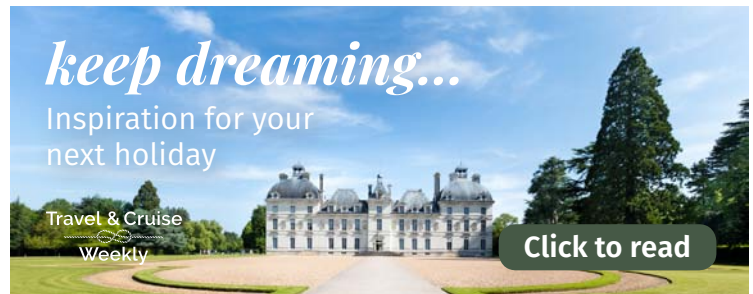
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Grace period extended for CTG Rx

THE Federal Government is extending the grace period for honouring prescriptions for eligible patients through the Closing the Gap (CTG) Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Relief Program until 31 Jan 2022.

The decision follows the introduction of wide-ranging IT changes to the program (*PD 17 Jun*), which left many Indigenous-identifying patients who previously had years of access to the scheme out of the database, with pharmacists forced to deal with multiple problems since the updates were introduced on 01 Jul.

With a significant number of eligible patients yet to be registered correctly, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia issued an alert to members this morning confirming that the grace period will continue

into the new year.

“The grace period will continue to prevent CTG annotated PBS prescriptions being rejected at the time of dispensing if the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person is not formally registered for the program through Services Australia,” the Guild said.

“It is imperative while the registration grace period is in effect for PBS Prescribers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners to ensure eligible patients are correctly registered for the Program.

“Registration must be done via Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) by these health professionals.

“PBS prescribers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners, and pharmacists can



confirm Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are registered for the Program via HPOS.

“If they are not, the system will indicate that the person is ‘inactive’.

“Pharmacists may consider contacting the prescriber or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner on their behalf to ensure eligible patients will continue to access CTG benefits after 31 Jan 2022.”



Dispensary Corner

A US man who awoke a month ago to find a bat on his neck has sadly died - not from a vampire bite, but due to rabies.

The octogenarian from Lake County in Illinois declined treatment when he found the creature biting him in mid-Aug, but later developed symptoms and died, according to an update from the Illinois Department of Health.

The US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) confirmed the diagnosis overnight, saying the man suffered classic symptoms of rabies including neck pain and difficulty controlling his extremities.

Officials said a bat colony was found near his home, adding that once clinical symptoms of the disease appear, rabies is almost always fatal.

Although only one or two human rabies cases are reported in the US each year, up to 60,000 people need to receive “rabies postexposure prophylaxis” after animal bites. Interestingly, in the USA most rabies deaths in humans occur after encounters with bats, but other common wildlife vulnerable to the infection include raccoons, skunks and foxes, the CDC added.

CBD ad breaches

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has fined the person behind the Invigorate Labs website \$18,648, in relation to multiple breaches of the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*.

The site allegedly promoted unregistered cannabidiol (CBD) products, while the individual is also reported to have made a “prohibited representation” about CBD use on social media.

Guild blown away by COVAX demand

PHARMACIES in Tasmania are being “blown away” by demand for COVID-19 vaccines (COVAX) Pharmacy Guild of Australia state branch Vice President, Katie Hayes, says.

Welcoming the rollout of the Moderna vaccine to the Apple Isle, Hayes noted the shot had a key role to play in protecting Tasmanians age 12 years and older from COVID-19.

“With the arrival of the

Moderna vaccine all adolescents and adults can be covered, including those adults over 60,” she said.

“We’ve been blown away at the response from Tasmanians wanting to come in and have access to COVID-19 vaccinations through their community pharmacy.”

As of 28 Sep, 990 doses of the Moderna vaccine had been administered in Tasmania.

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