

Ramadan Mubarak

Message from the Chief Health Officer

As the Chief Health Officer of Queensland Health, I wish a peaceful and safe Ramadan to our Muslim community in Queensland. I acknowledge the responsiveness and contribution of our Muslim leaders and community members in encouraging your communities to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

The COVID-19 vaccine is free, safe, and effective and will protect you from severe illness if you catch COVID-19. If you have completed your first two vaccines as a primary course, now is the time for those who are aged 16 years and over to get a booster dose for added protection coming up to the flu season.

Anyone aged 5 years old and above is eligible and encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) has released a statement supporting COVID-19 vaccination during Ramadan as it does not contain any nutrients that would break fasting.

This also applies to COVID-19 testing.



As such, I encourage all Muslim community members to get the vaccine if their appointment is during Ramadan period.

For celebrations, remember to continue to practise good hygiene and stay at home if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or if you are a close contact of someone with COVID-19.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Gerrard".

Dr John Gerrard

Chief Health Officer