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**From:** PEISLEY, Hope  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 August 2019 10:55 AM  
**To:** OHP Coord  
**Cc:** IB Coordination; s 22  
**Subject:** RE: MEDIA ENQUIRY: query re pharmacist vaccinations under NIP [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22 ,

Please see below for Matt's review and clearance:

- Each state and territory is responsible for legislating who can and cannot administer vaccines in their individual state and territory, including with National Immunisation Program vaccines.
- The issue of pharmacists administering vaccinations has progressed in each jurisdiction at the discretion of state and territory health ministers. All eight states and territories have revised legislation to allow pharmacists to administer vaccines.
- A Working Group has been established and work is progressing through the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee to develop options to work towards national consistency and to provide advice and recommendations to COAG Health Council.

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Hi All,

Please see the below request for media. Can we please have a response by 3pm for Matt's clearance.

Please let me know if this should go elsewhere too.

Kind regards,  
s 22

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**Subject:** MEDIA ENQUIRY: query re pharmacist vaccinations under NIP [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22 ,

Thanks for the advice. Please see the enquiry below. A short response outlining actions to date/plans by 4pm would be appreciated to allow time for MO review.

Cheers

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**From:** s 47F

**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 August 2019 10:19 AM

**To:** News <[News@health.gov.au](mailto:News@health.gov.au)>

**Subject:** query re pharmacist vaccinations under NIP [SEC=No Protective Marking]

Hi all,

I am following up a comment made by the minister at the Pharmacy Guild conference in March regarding universal access to NIP flu vaccines for pharmacists in all jurisdictions...he said he was about to attend COAG and 'one of the matters that I will be raising is urging those states that have not provided NIP access for vaccination to pharmacists to do so'.

In its October 2018 communique COAG also stated: 'Ministers agreed that a nationally consistent approach to pharmacist administered vaccination was desirable and have tasked the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee with establishing a working group to consider and recommend options to COAG Health Council.'

1. Has the working group been established? If so, has it finalised a report?
2. Any other progress on this issue?

Kind regards,

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