

WPC statement on Community Pharmacy Covid-19 Vaccinations

Community pharmacies are set to play a vital role in vaccination against COVID-19 in several countries, including Australia, Ireland, UK, and USA.

President of the World Pharmacy Council, George Tambassis, said that the “absolutely essential contribution of community pharmacies to the COVID vaccination task” is being recognised.

“Make no mistake – this is the biggest public health challenge many countries have ever faced, and community pharmacies are an essential component in the enormous mass vaccination logistical exercise,” Mr Tambassis said.

“Pharmacist immunisers are now providing significant and demonstrable public health dividends – through the millions vaccinated against influenza at their local pharmacy, and now as community pharmacists add to the health workforce preparing to administer these absolutely essential vaccines,” he said.

“Pharmacists are trusted health professionals, and local pharmacies are the most accessible health infrastructure – it just makes sense to utilise these key assets,” he said.