NUVAXOVID (NOVAVAX) PATIENT INFORMATION

About the COVID-19 Vaccination:

Nuvaxovid (Novavax) is a vaccine that can prevent people from becoming ill from COVID-19. Novavax does not contain any live virus, and it cannot give you COVID-19. It contains an important part of the SARS-CoV-2 virus called the spike protein. It also contains an adjuvant called Matrix-M, which helps create a stronger immune response. After getting the vaccine, your immune system will then learn to recognise and fight against the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which causes COVID-19.

Vaccination is voluntary and free. You can discuss any concerns or questions you have about COVID-19 vaccination with your immunisation provider and/or your GP before you receive the vaccine.

Medical experts have studied COVID-19 vaccines to make sure they are safe. Most side effects are mild and may only last for around 1-2 days. As with any vaccine or medicine, there may be rare and/or unknown side effects.

Please call us on 6165 2444 if you experience any side effects such as sore arm, headache, fever, or any other side effects that might concern you.

Some people may still contract COVID-19 after the vaccination, and it is important to follow strict public health precautions a required in your state or territory to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please continue to:
- Keep your distance - stay at least 1.5 metres away from other people
- Wash your hands often with soap and water OR use hand sanitiser
- Wear a mask if advised by your state or territory
- Stay at home if are unwell with cold or flu like symptoms and arrange to get a COVID-19 test

Today's vaccination is a booster dose – which is an additional vaccine dose after the primary vaccine course and is intended to strengthen and prolong protection against COVID-19.

Novavax can be given to people aged 18yrs or older who cannot have Pfizer or Moderna vaccines for medical reasons (e.g., severe allergic reactions or myocarditis) or for people who do not prefer an mRNA vaccine.

You <u>should not</u> receive this vaccine if you have had:
- Anaphylaxis to a previous dose of Novavax COVID-19 vaccine
- Anaphylaxis after exposure to any component of the vaccine (incl. polysorbate 80)
- Any other serious adverse event that, following review by an experienced immunisation provider/medical specialist, was attributed to a previous dose of the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine and without another cause identified.

As required by Australian Law, vaccination providers must record all vaccinations on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) – view online via Medicare/MyGov account or MyHealthRecord.