



STUART GRIMLEY MP

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Grimley Wants Answers on Flu Vax Timeline

Member for Western Victoria Stuart Grimley has asked the State Government Health Minister how long Victorians will be waiting to have access to influenza vaccines.

This comes after members of the community and local pharmacies have publicly stated there is a shortage of the ordinary annual flu vaccine.

In his speech in Parliament, Mr Grimley asked “Is the Minister able to provide any insight into the... steps that are being taken to ensure that there are no vaccination shortages in Victoria, particularly in rural and regional areas?”

Mr Grimley specifically addressed the Geelong and Surf Coast areas as having shortages, where despite a higher than normal vaccination rate this year, locals are unable to access a flu vaccine in most cases if they are not over 65 and could be waiting a month or longer.

Mr Grimley hopes for flu vaccines to be made available as soon as possible, as the Government has admitted that getting the flu as well as COVID-19 would exacerbate symptoms.

Quotes Attributable to Stuart Grimley MP:

“With the flu season near, there are growing concerns about the level of vaccinations which are available for public use.

Barwon Health in my electorate is responsible for the provision of many paid flu vaccinations however they have had to push back some of these, citing “a delay to the supply of flu vaccines” which aren’t due until May at the earliest.

I think it’s only fair for the Government to let Victorians know the delay for flu vaccines.

People in Geelong and the Surf Coast are unable to access the flu vaccine at the moment due to high demand. This is understandable, but it would be great for us to be told when we will have access to it.”

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