

Lack of access to COVID-19 vaccine threatening global immunity

Urgent plea to vaccinated people in rich countries to give back and pay forward

The Immunisation Coalition is issuing an urgent plea to Australians to help close the global COVID-19 vaccination gap by donating, tax deductible, to UNICEF Australia in a bid to improve access in lower income countries.

To date, the COVID-19 pandemic has devastatingly led to the death of over 4 million people globally. Many of those living in high income countries can now access free COVID-19 vaccinations, with many lower income countries yet to receive a single dose.

The Immunisation Coalition and UNICEF Australia are urging Australians vaccinated against COVID-19 to give back by paying it forward.

- High-income countries have reserved more than half of the world's COVID-19 vaccine doses, despite representing only 14 percent of the world's population. This compares to less than five per cent vaccine uptake in low-income countries, which represent approximately two-thirds of the world's population.
- Herd immunity occurs when a large portion of a community (the herd) becomes immune to a disease, making the spread of disease from person to person very unlikely. As a result, the whole community becomes protected – not just those who are immune.
- The G7 has just promised vaccine supply for 500 million people, yet 5 billion doses are needed to ensure the virus is controlled globally.
- A global pandemic requires a global response. We need to ensure all countries have COVID-19 vaccine access. No-one is safe until everyone is.
- Every ten dollars donated will provide two people a COVID-19 vaccination in a low-income country. Giving \$100 could protect 20 people.

We are calling on Australians to help make a difference in the global fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

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to make a donation today.