

Adelaide PHN's COVID-19 Provider Update

Adelaide PHN continues to keep general practices and providers up to date with the latest COVID-19 information by providing relevant resources, support, and updates as they become available. Most recent updates include –

SA Exposure Locations and Activities Direction

SA Health has identified exposure locations in the State associated with the positive cases of COVID-19 interstate. You can access a list of the exposure locations and relevant public health actions via the <u>SA Health website</u>.

The <u>Activities Direction</u> currently remains at level 1 restrictions. Masks are still required in shared public indoor spaces, including transport services, health care and high-risk settings. More information, including the Direction and FAQs can be found via <u>covid-19.sa.gov.au</u>.

Vaccine Eligibility Update

From 30 August 2021, individuals aged 16 years and over are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

From 13 September 2021, children aged 12 - 15 years will become eligible for vaccination. Children aged 12 - 15 years with specific underlying medical conditions are already eligible for vaccination. Check the criteria for underlying medical conditions <u>here</u>.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 12 and over are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Phase 1 populations should still be prioritised for vaccination appointments including:

- Aged care and disability staff
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 12 and over
- Health care workers
- Those with an underlying health condition

To book a vaccination appointment or for more information please visit the SA Health website.

Home Quarantine SA Trial

A trial of the Home Quarantine SA app began last week. Home Quarantine SA is a mobile app, supported by SA Health and SA Police, that will safely and effectively increase South Australia's quarantine capacity by allowing travellers to quarantine at home.

The program is being trialled with a small cohort of suitable returning SA residents from interstate restricted zones. More information will be available as the trial progresses and is reviewed.



Residential Aged Care Facilities Update

The new Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACF) Direction came into effect on Friday 20 August 2021. The Direction stipulates that from 10 September 2021, all persons entering a RACF must register their attendance using the approved contact tracing systems – the COVID Safe CheckIn (QR) app or a written record. Click here for more information.

COVID-19 Vaccinations for RACF Staff

Adelaide PHN has been working with the CVCs to stand up dedicated vaccination streams at their existing respiratory clinic locations for RACF staff. The clinic bookings for the dedicated vaccine streams are managed through Adelaide PHN and run at the CVC locations. The dedicated clinic streams commenced this week. If you would like to book a vaccine appointment for yourself and/or your staff, please contact Adelaide PHN's COVID-19 Liaison Officer at covid19@adelaidephn.com.au.

ASPEN Medical is providing the following RACF/disability worker pop-up clinic at Medindie (open various hours Monday to Friday). You can book an appointment here. Please note — the booking window states "Aspen Medical Disability Vaccination Clinic". Please disregard this statement as RACF staff are also eligible to book through this process.

Health Care Australia (HCA) is providing the following COVID Vaccination Hub for RACF and Disability workforce.

The Hub is located at West Lakes Tennis Club, 21 Edwin Street, West Lakes. They will only be providing the Pfizer vaccine, strictly by appointment only. They are open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The Hub currently has numerous appointments available. To book an appointment, you need to be either an RACF staff member or a NDIS staff member, and contact Adelaide PHN's COVID-19 Liaison Officer via covid19@adelaidephn.com.au.

To support RACF staff with getting their COVID-19 vaccinations, the Department has developed the following materials -

- Information kit
- How to access a COVID-19 vaccine
- Proof of employment
- Find out the facts about COVID-19 vaccines
- How to get your COVID-19 vaccine

General Practice EOI to Participate in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program

Adelaide PHN has been supporting the EOI process relating to the COVID-19 Vaccine Program. The Commonwealth is directly responsible for the roll-out of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program, including the EOI process, selection of practices, and the onboarding of practices to participate. There has been a staged approach to onboarding practices to participate in both the Pfizer and the AstraZeneca vaccine roll-out. Additional practices will be onboarded to commence as more vaccine becomes available.

If you have any questions in regard to the above or would like to submit and EOI, please contact your Adelaide PHN Practice Facilitator.



More Information and Contact

Please visit our <u>COVID-19 provider update webpage</u> or contact our team via <u>covid19@adelaidephn.com.au</u> or the COVID-19 line on 8314 3698 for more information and/or support.