

COVID-19 News

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

SA Health's list of COVID-19 exposure locations has expanded. Check the exposure locations and relevant public health actions [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccination and Pregnancy

mRNA COVID-19 vaccines, such as Pfizer and Moderna, are recommended for those who are pregnant, breastfeeding or planning pregnancy. Those who are pregnant, and their unborn baby have a significantly higher risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19.

For more information, access the [COVID-19 Vaccination Share Decision Making Guide for Women who are Pregnant, Breastfeeding or Planning Pregnancy here](#).

Vaccine Eligibility Update

From Monday 13 September, vaccine eligibility updates include:

- Children aged 12+ years.
- People aged 60+ years can now book a Pfizer appointment at SA Health COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics. Those with existing appointments for AstraZeneca at a SA Health Vaccination Clinic, should not cancel their booking. They will have the option to have Pfizer or AstraZeneca at their appointment.
- Year 11 and 12 students can get priority vaccine access at SA Health COVID-19 vaccination clinics during September. For a list of vaccination clinics and attendance instructions [click here](#).

To book a vaccination appointment or for more information please visit the [SA Health website](#).

Pfizer Vaccine Update

Adelaide PHN has sort guidance from the Commonwealth in relation to General Practices participating in the Commonwealth COVID-19 Vaccination program and the SA Health Announcement relating to Pfizer access for those over 60, the guidance is:

- Access to the Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine has been prioritised for those whom the Pfizer vaccine is the only COVID-19 vaccine currently recommended.

- However, we note the Victorian Government have expanded eligibility for Pfizer for those over 60 with underlying conditions (in addition to the contraindications to AstraZeneca).
- To simplify the transition of national eligibility, general practices that have capacity and available stock can book patients based on state and territory eligibility criteria.

Moderna Vaccine Update

The Moderna (Spikevax) COVID-19 Vaccine has been given provisional approval by the Therapeutic Goods Administration for individuals aged 12+ years.

For more information, [access the Department of Health's Moderna Factsheet here](#).

Residential Aged Care COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout

September 17 is the date for the commencement of the mandatory vaccination requirement for residential aged care workers. The Department of Health is urging all providers to take the following actions:

- Ensure all My Aged Care data on workforce COVID-19 vaccinations and authorised exemptions is correct.
- Update My Aged Care reporting as often as possible. From 17 September onwards, the data reported will be used to assess compliance.
- If unsure, read the [Simple Guide to My Aged Care Reporting](#).

For further information, access the [Department of Health's website](#) or [watch the webinar here](#).

New Vaccination Resources

The Department of Health has developed a range of new COVID-19 relating resources including:

- [ATAGI Clinical Guidance on COVID-19 Vaccine in Australia in 2021](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines Multicultural Outreach Resource](#): videos, factsheets, posters, and social media assets in a range of languages
- [Factsheets for Residential Aged Care Provider](#)
- [Factsheet for Residential Aged Care Workers](#)
- [Australian Immunisation Register Factsheet](#)

Additional Vaccination Clinics: Adelaide Myer Centre and Southern Adelaide

The Southern Adelaide Local Health Network COVID-19 Vaccination Mobile Clinic will be visiting community centres in the southern suburbs over the coming weeks. Anyone aged 16+ years can book into one of the following sessions:

- Marion Cultural Centre | Monday 20 September | [Book here](#)
- Hackham West Community Centre | Wednesday 22 September | [Book here](#)
- Hackham West Community Centre | Thursday 23 September | [Book here](#)
- Christie Downs Community House | Friday 24 September | [Book here](#)

From 15 September, a pop-up vaccination clinic in Adelaide Myer Centre offers appointments and 100 walk-in appointments each day. Bookings can be made on the [SA Health Website](#).

Drive Through Vaccination Clinics

Primary care vaccination sites can establish drive-through vaccination clinics. General practices interested in establishing drive-through clinics should complete [the drive-through site requirements](#) and email to COVID19@adelaidephn.com.au.

For further information, please visit the [Department of Health website](#).

No fault COVID-19 Vaccine Indemnity Scheme

The no fault COVID-19 Vaccine Claim Scheme has been finalised offering protection to Australians receiving a TGA approved COVID-19 vaccine. From 6 September Australians who suffer injury and loss of income due to their COVID-19 vaccine will be able to register their intent to claim from the COVID-19 vaccine claims scheme webpage.

Visit the [Department of Health](#) website for more information.

More Information and Contact

Please visit our [COVID-19 provider update webpage](#) or contact our team via covid19@adelaidephn.com.au or the COVID-19 line on 8314 3698 for more information and/or support.