

### **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 During Pregnancy, Planning a Pregnancy and Breastfeeding**

SA Health has developed posters and a brochure providing information about COVID-19 vaccination for those who are pregnant, breastfeeding or planning a pregnancy. Resources are available for download [here](#).

mRNA COVID-19 vaccines, such as Pfizer and Moderna, are recommended for those who are pregnant, breastfeeding or planning a pregnancy. For more information about COVID-19 vaccination and pregnancy visit the [SA Health website](#).

### **Vaccination Eligibility Updates**

All individuals aged 12+ years are now eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccinations.

Phase 1 populations (such as aged care and disability care residents/workers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 12+ years, health care workers and individuals with underlying conditions) should still be prioritised.

### **Moderna Vaccine**

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is now available at participating pharmacies to anyone aged 12+ years. To find a participating pharmacy, visit the [Department of Health's website](#).

### **Additional Vaccination Clinics**

Additional COVID-19 vaccination clinics are now available for individuals aged 16+ years.

- City | Adelaide Myer Centre | Open Tuesday to Saturday, hours vary
- Pooraka | South Australian Produce Market | Open Monday to Friday, 10am – 3pm

For more information or to make a booking, please visit the [SA Health website](#).

### **Vaccine Hesitancy Webinar**

Adelaide PHN, in partnership with SA Health and Wellbeing SA, are planning to host a

vaccine hesitancy training webinar for GPs. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.

### **Vaccination Milestone**

South Australia has reached a major milestone with 1.5 million COVID-19 vaccine doses administered. More than 610,000 South Australians are now fully vaccinated. Find more information or book an appointment on the [SA Health website](#).

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Suitability Assessment Services for Individuals with a Disability**

GPs and other medical practitioners (OMPs) who conduct COVID-19 vaccine suitability assessment services in a residential disability facility setting or a patient's place of residence can claim a [flag-fall fee](#) through the Medicare Benefits Schedule. GPs and OMPs may also claim [in-depth clinical assessments](#) for these individuals.

Please note the claiming GP or OMP is responsible for satisfying all requirements when claiming Medicare Benefits Schedule items.

### **Incentive Payment for Specific Vaccination Services**

Primary care providers (general practices, Commonwealth Vaccination Clinics and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health Services) can claim an additional incentive payment if they undertake in-reach COVID-19 vaccination services for residential aged care and disability care workers.

You can find the more information on the [Department of Health website](#).

### **Proof of Vaccination**

You can print a patients' immunisation history statement or COVID-19 digital certificates from the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) website.

For more information, including instructions on how to download and print an immunisation history statement, please visit the [Services Australia website](#).

### **Free Interpreting Service for COVID-19 Vaccinations**

The Free Interpreting Service has been extended to include non-Medicare Patients and onsite interpreters for weekend vaccinations. Onsite interpreter bookings can be made via [tis.freeinterpreting@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:tis.freeinterpreting@homeaffairs.gov.au). Please note telephone interpreting services remain available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Medical practices can use their TIS client code to request interpreters. For those medical practices not already registered, they can do so via the [TIS website](#).

### **Syringe Size Change for Pfizer Doses**

For the next short period, Pfizer orders will receive a 5mL syringe rather than 3mL. Please only draw-up the appropriate amount of saline to reconstitute your Pfizer doses.

**AIR Reporting**

Services Australia has identified AIR records where the COVID-19 vaccine batch number has been entered incorrectly or left blank. Please ensure all details are entered correctly.

**More Information and Contact**

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