

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 Update for Health Care Providers

Adelaide PHN in conjunction with SA Health will be holding a COVID-19 update for health care providers. The update will be facilitated by Dr Emily Kirkpatrick - Deputy Chief Medical Officer (SA Health). Topics will include:

- Update on COVID Positive management - presented by Dr Jennifer Goold - Clinical Lead, COVID-19 GP Assessment Team (SA Health)
- Update on Antigen testing - presented by A/Professor Tom Dodd - Clinical Service Director (SA Pathology)
- General Update – what's happening Nationally – Dr Chris Moy – GP and AMA Vice President (AMA)
- Update on COVID Planning - presented by Dr Emily Kirkpatrick, Deputy Chief Medical Officer (SA Health)

The webinar will be held **on Tuesday 19 October at 6.00 PM**. Please register in advance for this meeting. You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. [Register here](#).

Vaccine Discussions Training Session

Professor Katina D'Onise, Executive Director, Prevention and Population Health, Wellbeing SA would like to invite you and your staff to attend an online training session that supports you to have discussions with people who are unsure about having the COVID-19 vaccine.

The sessions cover facts about the vaccine, the role of the vaccine in COVID control, common misperceptions and the way in which information should be communicated. Specific training sessions are designed for:

- [Aboriginal workers and Aboriginal community leaders](#)
- [General community workers](#)
- [People who work in health care](#)

Please register via the links above. If you have already attended a Wellbeing SA COVID-19 vaccination training session, please disregard this notice.

Third COVID-19 Vaccine for Severely Immunocompromised Individuals

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) is recommending a third dose of COVID-19 vaccine as part of the primary course in individuals who are severely immunocompromised.

For further information including a list of conditions for which the third dose is recommended, please see the [Department of Health's website](#).

Walk-in Pfizer COVID-19 Appointments

Vaccination clinics at Noarlunga, Elizabeth, Wayville, and Pooraka are now accepting walk-in Pfizer COVID-19 appointments. Please note walk-in appointments are limited and priority will be given to those with existing bookings. Please note eligibility criteria and opening hours vary. The most convenient option is to book a preferred date and time using the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

Port Adelaide Pop-Up Vaccination Hub

A pop-up vaccination hub will be open to the community at Port Adelaide next week. The hub will be open:

- Wednesday 20 October 9.00AM – 4.30PM
- Thursday 21 October 11.00AM – 6.30PM

Bookings are essential and can be made [online here](#).

School Immunisation Program

A school-based immunisation program will be rolled out to selected schools this term. Pop-up vaccination clinics will be established at more than 20 schools across the state from later this month as part of a six-week blitz to administer first and second doses.

Aged Care Grief and Trauma Response Package

COVID-19 has impacted many people living and working in aged care, including aged care residents, home care recipients, their families, friends, loved ones, community visitors and aged care staff.

Many people living, working, or caring for those in aged care may be suffering grief from missing their visitors, their routines, and loss of important life events. People in and around aged care may also be experiencing trauma as a response to traumatic events, isolation, physical distancing, COVID-19 hotspot lockdowns, ongoing uncertainty, and visitor restrictions.

The Australian Government has funded mental health, grief, trauma, and education experts to produce online resources and in-person or telephone training and support. Visit [the Department of Health website](#) to find out more.

Pfizer Vaccination Hubs

A Pfizer vaccination hub is now open in West Lakes with appointments available to individuals who meet one of the following eligibility criteria:

- NDIS participants and their paid/unpaid carers
- Aged care staff members
- Health care workers
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- Family members of any of the above

Appointments are available Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays until 29 October 2021. Make a booking via the [Healthcare Australia website](#).

Vaccinations for Health Care Workers

The Emergency Management (Healthcare Setting Workers Vaccination) (COVID-19) Direction 2021 places COVID-19 vaccination requirements on all people working in a public hospital, private hospital, or ambulance service, including patient transport service in South Australia. This includes all services provided by a Local Health Network, not just those physically located in a hospital.

This direction requires all people engaging in work or duties at one of the above settings to have had at least one dose of a TGA approved COVID-19 vaccination and evidence of a booking to receive a second dose by 12.01 AM Monday 1 November 2021.

More information is available on the [SA Health website](#).

Vaccine Hubs for Aged Care Workers

Commonwealth vaccine provider dedicated vaccination hubs for aged care and disability workers are now open. The vaccination hubs are open for residential, in home and community aged care workers. A list of South Australian hubs is available via the [Adelaide PHN website](#).

Managing Excess Vaccine Advice

The Department of Health has created a new resource with information on how to manage excess vaccine stock. You can access the [resource here](#).

Workplace Resources

SA Health has developed a suite of resources to encourage employees to stay home from work and get tested if they are unwell. SA Health has developed posters, social media tiles, screensavers, web graphics, email signatures and videos all available for download from the [SA Health website](#).

A Reminder of Infection Control Resources

- The Infection Control Expert Group (ICEG) has endorsed infection control guidance on the [Department of Health website](#).
- Online COVID-19 infection control training is designed for care workers across all health care settings. For more information, please visit the [Department of Health website](#) or [click here to register](#).
- SA Health offers guidance on infection control and PPE, as well as specific advice to different health care settings. For further information, please visit the [SA Health website](#).

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.