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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 –

COVID-19 Update for Primary Health Care Providers Webinar Recording

SA PHNs in conjunction with SA Health provided a COVID-19 update for Primary Health Care Providers on Tuesday 26 July 2022. The webinar was facilitated by Dr Emily Kirkpatrick, Deputy Chief Medical Officer and Dr Melanie Smith, GP Liaison COVID-19 Project & Operations, SA Health. Guest Speaker Dr Eleanor Wilson, Medical Lead of the SALHN COVID Care Centre and Director of Education and Training joined us.

Topics included:

- General COVID-19 update
- Tips, tricks and practical advice for GP's on managing common COVID presentations via Telehealth
- Referral pathways for patients needing face to face review

The webinar recording is now available via [Adelaide PHN's YouTube page](#).

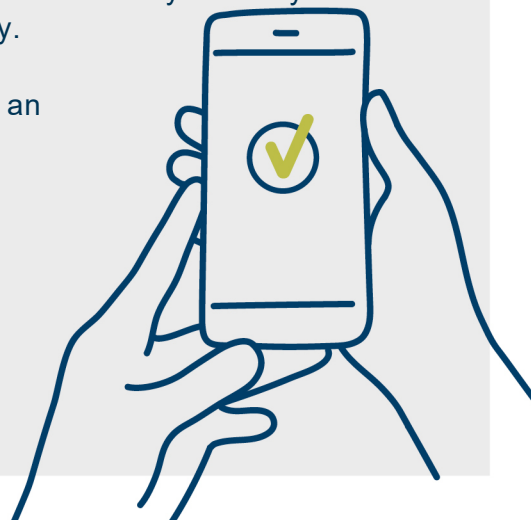
Western Respiratory Clinic Now Open

Adelaide PHN in partnership with SA Health have established Western Respiratory Clinic at Kilkenny to treat patients for respiratory symptoms such as COVID and flu, and to help ease pressure on the state's emergency departments.

Commonwealth funded GP respiratory clinics are located across metropolitan and regional areas of South Australia and are available to support the assessment of people experiencing mild to moderate respiratory symptoms, with no referral needed.

The new dedicated SA Health GP Respiratory Centre at Kilkenny is located at 14 Regency Road, Kilkenny. It is currently operating 8.30AM – 4.30PM Monday – Friday and 8.30AM – 12.30PM Saturday – Sunday by appointment only.

For more information about GP Respiratory Clinics and to book an appointment, please visit [our website](#).



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COVID-19 Vaccinations for Vulnerable Populations: Seeking Expressions of Interest

Adelaide PHN is now seeking expressions of interest (EOI) from general practices in a partnership effort to reach and vaccinate vulnerable populations against COVID-19, including those who cannot or do not wish to attend a Commonwealth Vaccination Clinic or state-based vaccination clinic. We encourage those practices with established and trusted relationships with vulnerable population groups to apply.

Submit your EOI to our COVID-19 Response Team via covid19@adelaidephn.com.au before 5.00PM Friday 5 August 2022 and include the following information:

- Which vulnerable populations would you reach?
- Would you need additional staff to provide the service?
- Would you be willing to provide homebound vaccinations?
- Would you like support identifying vulnerable patients within your practice data?

If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please contact our COVID Team via covid19@adelaidephn.com.au or 8314 3698.

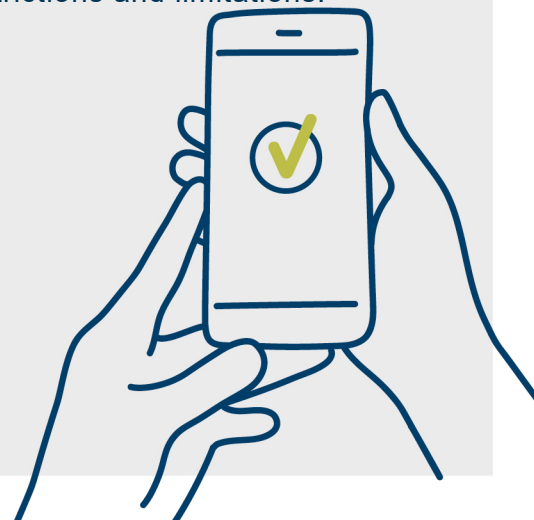
Reminder: In-Home Care Services for Respiratory Related Health Conditions

The COVID in-home visiting service is now open to include people with Respiratory related health conditions.

The program will continue to include in-home visiting services relating to non-COVID-19 related health conditions that require care while a COVID-19 positive person is isolating to avoid unnecessary escalation to hospital and will also encompass people with respiratory related health conditions that require care and are unable to attend a General Practice for treatment/management due to their respiratory restrictions and limitations.

Service types include:

- Wound Management
- Medication Management



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- Paediatric respiratory assessment
- Continence Management
- Interpreting

The program will accept referral services from General Practice, Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACF), Priority Care Centres, SA Ambulance Service, Public Hospital Emergency Departments and inpatients of Public Hospitals with COVID/Respiratory conditions being discharged with functional decline and care needs, to be supported prior to being at a level for primary health interventions again.

Referrals can be made to the Metropolitan Referral Unit by either phoning 1300 110 600 or fax 1300 546 104.

