



Dear Colleague,

We've all worked together to keep Western Australia one of the safest places in the world, however, as the recent community cases of COVID-19 remind us, the virus continues to be a risk. Keeping Western Australia safe and strong is a community responsibility and getting vaccinated is an important step toward that goal.

Your staff\* are eligible to receive the vaccine as part of the priority populations (see table one) that we are currently vaccinating; which will protect their health, in turn protecting their families, workforces and communities.

We are seeking your support in encouraging your staff to receive their COVID-19 vaccination. They can do so by registering in the VaccinateWA booking system by using the below link: <https://health.wa.gov.au/vaccinatingnow>

Staff aged 50 years and over have immediate access to the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine which is recommended by the Australian government and is considered safe and effective for this age group.

Staff based in the metropolitan area who wish to access the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine now can do so via community vaccination clinics located at Claremont Showgrounds, Perth Airport and in Kwinana. There are also a number of regional clinics located throughout WA, and these clinics can be viewed within the VaccinateWA booking system.

Staff aged under 50 years will have access to the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Due to limited supply, our Pfizer vaccine appointments are being prioritised to those who are considered most at risk of COVID-19. In the meantime, we strongly encourage your staff to register in VaccinateWA, and they will then be notified when appointments for the Pfizer vaccine become available for them.

Please note: the VaccinateWA link is not to be shared beyond your organisation.

We request your assistance to share this information with your staff, including if they have previously been invited to participate, as the advice may have changed.

We would like to reassure you that the vaccines are both considered safe and effective within the age groups for which they are recommended. The Therapeutic Goods Administration has approved the use of the vaccines after robust, scientific trials have proven their safety.

We have enclosed some additional key messages and newsletter/intranet content that may assist you to communicate these messages to your staff. Further information on the vaccination program is available at [www.rollup.wa.gov.au](http://www.rollup.wa.gov.au)

Thank you for your support.  
Kind regards,

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**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**  
**COVID-19 VACCINATIONS**  
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\*Please note: staff also refers to students, members, contractors, or anyone eligible in Phase 1B your organisation is responsible for



**Table 1 - Definitions of occupational groups prioritised for COVID-19 vaccination in Phase 1b**

**Healthcare, Aged Care and Disability Workers**

- Individuals employed in the medical profession, including allied health professionals, aged care and disability workers
- All public and private hospital staff
- Healthcare workers in private practice
- Community pharmacy staff
- Healthcare workers providing in-home and community care, including centre-based care
- Workers who regularly engage in person with those receiving aged care or those with a disability in Phase 1a or 1b, including aged care assessment workforce, those conducting regulatory activities and advocacy services
- All health care workers in clinical settings, including students on placement
- Onsite administrative staff in healthcare settings
- Cleaners, kitchen staff and other ancillary staff in healthcare settings

**Critical and High-Risk Workers**

- Frontline police officers, fire and rescue personnel, corrective services officers (including the Justice health service)
- Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Service and volunteers
- Active Australian Defence Force personnel
- Australian Government officials about to be deployed or currently deployed overseas on official government business
- Workers involved in manufacture of AstraZeneca vaccine and distribution/delivery of COVID-19 vaccines
- Workers directly involved in the manufacturing and distribution process, where the work is in a cold environment and workers are unable to maintain physical distancing requirements. These include:
  - Abattoir workers, including attending veterinarians
  - Workers in boning rooms
  - Smallgoods manufacturers
  - Cold chain transport workforce
  - Workers **not** eligible in Phase 1b include: Retail workers including butcher shops, fishmongers; Primary production workers, including fishing; Clerical workers

**Quarantine and Border Workers**

- Any staff member working in the Green Zone of a Quarantine Hotel
- Any port staff not included in Phase 1a including remaining frontline staff who come into close contact with vessels from international waters, and corporate functions due to close contact with staff who come into contact with international crews. remainder of port staff) i.e. Any person who has a Maritime Security Identification Card (MSIC)
- DPIRD Staff at land borders, or receiving trucks which do not stop at border (i.e. first point of contact)
- Staff who work at a Western Australian Airport, both international and domestic airports in Perth and regional areas, including: DPIRD staff, retail staff, catering staff, freight staff, ramp side staff, airline assistance, engineering and maintenance staff
- Western-Australia based domestic flight crew employed by airlines currently operating, and any remaining International flight crew on operating airlines



## ***Attached Communications Messages document***

### **Key Messages for communications**

#### **The why**

- We've all worked together, to keep WA one of the safest places in the world.
- Western Australians are lucky to have access to COVID-19 vaccinations before this virus has taken hold and had the devastating effects we have seen overseas.
- To protect your great lifestyle, there's one more thing we need to do. We need to get COVID-19 vaccinated.
- The more people that get vaccinated, the more we're protecting our families, our friends and our communities.
- So roll up your sleeve for WA and get COVID-19 vaccinated.
- The vaccines are safe and effective The Therapeutic Goods Administration has approved the use of the vaccines after robust, scientific trials have proven they are safe. No corners have been cut.

#### **The how**

- Eligible people will be sent a link by their employer to book in for their vaccination via a purpose-built online booking system.
- The Department of Health is working with the Australian Government to deliver the wider roll out of the program at more locations across the State, including our regions.
- As more doses come on line newly eligible groups will receive updated information about how and where they can receive their vaccine.
- People aged 50 years and over have access to the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine which is recommended by the Australian government and is considered safe and effective for this age group.
- People aged under 50 years will have access to the Pfizer vaccine.
- Supplies of the Pfizer vaccine are limited at this time and are being allocated to those who are considered most at risk of COVID-19. Once you register in the VaccinateWA booking system, you will be contacted when there are appointments available for the Pfizer vaccine near you.
- Vaccination clinics are located throughout the Perth metropolitan area, and regional Western Australia. More clinics and vaccination locations will continue to open over the coming weeks.
- Clinic locations and times are available via the online booking system.
- As more doses come on line newly eligible groups will receive updated information about how and where they can receive their vaccine.
- For more information about the vaccination program visit: [www.rollup.wa.gov.au](http://www.rollup.wa.gov.au) or call 13 COVID (13 268 43).



## **E-newsletter/Intranet content**

### **Roll up!**

We are asking everyone to roll up your sleeve and help protect us all from COVID-19. Getting a free vaccination will prevent you from becoming infected and ill from the virus that's caused a worldwide pandemic.

Your participation will help us all continue to enjoy our great lifestyle in WA.

The vaccines offered in WA are being used all around the world, and have been through extensive trials and approvals, proving they are effective and safe.

If you have already booked your appointment, thank you.

If not, you can book in by visiting <https://health.wa.gov.au/vaccinatingnow>.

The booking system displays clinic locations so you can choose a time and a place that is convenient for you.

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Please do not share this link with anyone outside your organisation.

Do you have any questions or concerns about the COVID-19 vaccines? Visit our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to find out more.

[Translated advice](#) in multiple languages is also available.

We need you to get vaccinated, sooner rather than later. The more people that get vaccinated, the more we're protecting our families, our friends and our communities. Thank you for working together to keep WA one of the safest places in the world.

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