



COVID-19 PRIMARY CARE VACCINATION SUPPORT PROGRAM



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COVID-19 Primary Care Vaccination Support Program

On 20 October 2023, the Australian Chief Medical Officer, Professor Paul Kelly announced that the COVID-19 pandemic was no longer a Communicable Disease Incident of National Significance (CDINS), however there must still be a focus on increasing vaccination rates against COVID-19. WA Primary Health Alliance is working with The Department of Health and Aged Care to assist in increasing vaccination rates across Western Australia with the focus on vulnerable populations:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine advice and recommendations for 2024](#)
- Click here for up to date advice [from the Australian Technical Advisory Group \(ATAGI\)](#)

COVID-19 Initiatives

WA Primary Health Alliance has the following funding opportunities available for COVID-19 initiatives through to December 2024 subject to available funding.

These targeted initiatives aim to increase access to the COVID-19 vaccination among vulnerable populations who cannot access or have difficulty accessing the vaccine through existing mechanisms.

The funding will be accessible via WAPHA's [ASPIRE](#) Portal. For Further information about the ASPIRE Portal please access: www.practiceassist.com.au/Programs-Tools/WAPHA-Portals-for-General-Practice

Initiative 1: COVID- 19 Vaccination home visits and pop-up clinics.

Open to: All Immunisers working in primary health care and general practices.

Eligibility: Vulnerable people who have difficulty accessing COVID-19 Vaccinations

To apply to be part of the COVID-19 Vaccination Primary Care Support Program, the following conditions apply:

- Must be a COVID-19 Vaccinating site – or willing to apply to administer.
- Site must assist with community involvement.
- Commitment to reporting requirements.

For further information please read the [COVID-19 Primary Care Vaccination Support Program Funding Guidance](#).

Initiative 2: COVID-19 non-Medicare card holder vaccination

Open to: Vaccinations administered by general practitioners, nurse practitioners and authorised nurse immunisers (subject to program approval)

Eligibility: Non - Medicare card holders requiring a COVID-19 vaccination.

The Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care is funding WA Primary Health Alliance to reimburse general practices to support non-Medicare patients being vaccinated against COVID- 19.

Practices can be reimbursed to the [rebate value](#) of the relevant MBS item number and reimbursement can be backdated to July 2023.

To make a claim, [complete the survey](#).

If you have any queries relating to COVID-19 initiatives offered by WAPHA, please email us at gpvaccination@wapha.org.au