



# Winter Strategy Practice Essentials

This year, there is the potential for a high number of influenza and other respiratory pathogen cases alongside the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit the links below to get your practice ready.

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## Review your practice's processes

- [Urgent patient consultation](#) and increase in demand
- [Infection prevention and control in the practice](#)
- Sustainably [managing patients with respiratory symptoms](#)
  - [Options for respiratory patients \(GPRC\)](#)
  - [Telehealth access and use of digital tools for patient care](#)
- Administering [COVID-19 vaccinations](#) along with [influenza vaccines](#)
- Management of [personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#), stock and ordering
- [Identifying](#) and managing patients with a [high risk of severe outcomes](#) of COVID or influenza.
- Time to review and refine your [practice's pandemic plan](#)

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## Consider training and upskilling

- [Infection prevention and control](#)
  - Yearly update of [hand hygiene](#) for all staff
- Telehealth [essential](#) and [advanced](#) training for efficient remote consultations
- [Influenza vaccination update module](#)

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## Communicate with your patients

- [See your GP campaign](#)
- [Social media and web tiles](#)
- [Communication guide](#)

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## Review the relevant HealthPathways (for login details, email [healthpathways@wapha.org.au](mailto:healthpathways@wapha.org.au))

- [COVID-19](#)
- [Influenza immunisation](#)

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## Staffing

- Review your [outbreak management plan](#) and business continuity plan, focusing on staff sick days and rosters
- Wellbeing resources: [RACGP](#) and [TEN](#) (The Essential Network for Health Professionals)
- Plan for staff [influenza](#) and [COVID-19](#) vaccinations

## Further information

For further information, visit the Practice Assist [Winter Strategy webpage](#), scan the QR code, email [practiceassist@wapha.org.au](mailto:practiceassist@wapha.org.au) or call 1800 2 ASSIST (1800 2 277 478).



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