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Dear Immunisation Provider,

## **EXPANSION OF THE WA HEALTH JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS VACCINATION PROGRAM**

I am pleased to advise that the WA Health Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JEV) Vaccination Program (the Program) is expanding until allocated stock is exhausted or 31 October 2026, whichever is sooner. The expanded Program now includes:

- all residents in the Pilbara region
- workers for mining companies with sites in the Kimberley and Pilbara region
- travellers to the Kimberley and Pilbara region.

Persons who are already eligible to receive a free JEV vaccine include:

- all residents in the Kimberley region
- persons living or residing in specific postcodes in the Pilbara region who spend at least 4 hours per day outdoors for unavoidable activities
- persons who work directly with mosquitoes in the Kimberley or Pilbara regions or handle live JEV (e.g. laboratory workers, entomologists).

As of 3 June 2026, no human cases of JEV infection have been reported in Western Australia.

All government-funded JEV vaccines are available to order via [Onelink](#). Allocated stock is due to expire between August and October 2026, so please order accordingly.

Please continue to prioritise persons at residential or occupational risk of exposure to JEV. These groups are detailed on our [website](#) and in the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#). All JEV vaccine administrations should be reported to the [Australian Immunisation Register](#).

There are [existing resources](#) you may use to promote awareness of JEV, the Program and other ways to avoid infection. Adverse events following immunisation with JEV vaccines should be reported to the [WA Vaccine Safety Surveillance system](#).

Thank you for your continued support of the WA Immunisation Program.

Yours sincerely

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