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Roll up for WA

COVID-19 Vaccination

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Mental Health Services Forum

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**“Vaccination protects you,
your family and our
community.”**

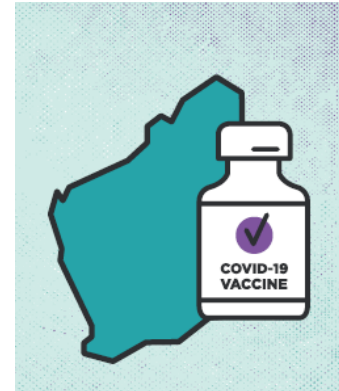
**Dr. Andy Robertson, Western Australian Chief
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Considerations

The health and well being of our patients and the community is our primary concern

WA borders will open when 90% of the WA population is fully vaccinated

- WA's vaccination rate for those over 12 year is currently sitting at
 - ~ 80% first dose,
 - ~ 65% second dose
- It will become more and more challenging to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to hard-to-reach populations
- Vaccination rates will increase if we provide easy to reach opportunities for the hard-to-reach population to get vaccinated.



Once the boarders open COVID-19 will come to WA

Who can get vaccinated now?

- ANYONE aged 12 years and over
- No requirement for a Medicare card or drivers license
- Pregnant women are a priority to get vaccinated, as well as women trying to get pregnant or breastfeeding. It is safe for mum and baby.
- People at risk of severe COVID-19 disease:
 - 70 years and older
 - ATSI
 - Alcohol and drug use
 - Immunocompromised
 - Co-morbidities
- Certain work places require you to be vaccinated against COVID-19



It will take at least 5 weeks to be fully protected

Access to COVID-19 Vaccination

Options to get the COVID-19 vaccine:

- State run community clinics - rollup.wa.gov.au
- General Practices
- Pharmacies
- State run “Pop up” clinics

Offering the vaccine in easy to access, familiar surrounds

- Inpatient vaccination
- Community mental health clinics
- NGOs
- Other

Popup Vaccination Clinic

Short stay clinics delivered by WA Health Service Providers (HSPs)

- NMHS, SMHS, EMHS, CAHS & WACHS
- Self sufficient clinics
 - Expert staff
 - Vaccines , consumables
 - Health promotional material, signage
 - Privacy booths
 - ICT/Comms – laptops/tablets/mobile phones
 - Access to interpreters
 - Direct upload to the Australian Immunisation Record (Immunisation history statement/COVID-19 digital vaccination certificate)
 - Medical emergency equipment

Popup Vaccination Clinic Setup

- Vaccination team
 - Team leader,
 - 2 x nursing vaccinators,
 - Pharmacist
 - +/- Administration officer
- Access to parking
- Access to mobile internet 4G via WA Health dongles or use of downtime procedures

Popup Vaccination Clinic Workflow

- Vaccine preparation
 - Hand washing facilities
 - Quiet/no thoroughfare
- Reception/waiting area
 - Gather demographic data
- Vaccine administration
 - Private area
 - Popup booths available if required
- Post vaccine observation
 - 15 – 30mins post administration of vaccine vaccine



Medical Emergency

- Immediate anaphylaxis management and basic life support
- Medical emergency response equipment
- 000 response as required



Preclinic planning

Nominate an onsite MH COVID-19 vaccination champion

- Identify a patient group who have not yet had the COVID-19 vaccination
- Engage with staff to advocate the importance of the COVID-19 vaccine with all patient contact
- Provide staff with strategies on how to manage vaccine hesitancy and alleviate myths
- Reinforce the benefits of attending the popup clinic
 - Provide transport
 - Safe, familiar environment
 - Small clinic setting – minimal wait time
 - Case manager support at time of vaccination
- Identify a suitable onsite location for COVID-19 vaccination



Preclinic planning

- Clinic advertising (posters, email, social media, newsletters)
- No appointment necessary (9am – 3pm)
- Extended invite to support persons
- Offer incentives (BBQ, morning tea, door prize)
- Run clinic in association with another event (Christmas gathering)
- Reminder SMS send to clients 1 day before clinic

On the day of the clinic

- Reduce case load for all case managers
- Concierge to meet clients
- Dedicated MH staff member to escort staff through the clinic
- Reassurance provided by case managers and treating medical staff
- Minimal wait times
- Where possible have MH staff certified as COVID-19 vaccination competent administered the vaccine

Working in partnership

- Preliminary discussion with mental health provider contact
- Site visit to proposed vaccination clinic facility
- Confirm dates for 2 clinics 3 weeks apart
- Site specific operational plan emailed prior to clinic date
- COVID-19 Vax Team Leader will phone 2 days prior to clinic
- Work in partnership on the day of the clinic

For more information

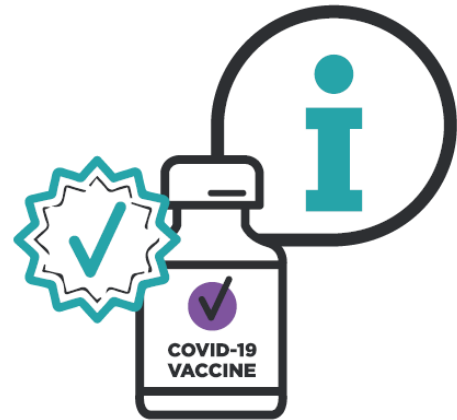
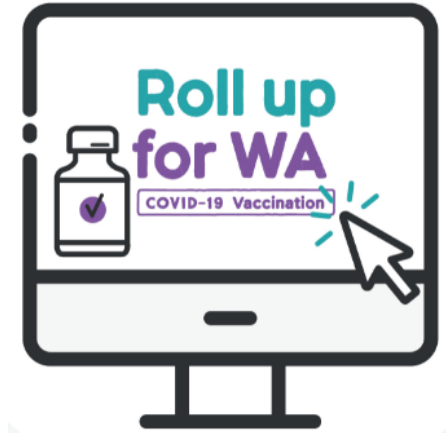
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Questions

