



Health updates to keep your mob safe.

Information for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities on COVID-19 vaccines, and other health updates.

Welcome to the latest update for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households, communities and organisations. In this edition you can find out how we are boosting COVID-19 vaccination support, read about Brewarrina - the small town with huge community spirit, watch and share videos of an Alice Springs family encouraging everyone to get the COVID-19 vaccine, and more!

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Brewarrina, the small town with huge community spirit

Brewarrina is a small town in north-west New South Wales, but don't let its size fool you - it's a town with HUGE community spirit. When COVID-19 came to Brewarrina, the community banded together to keep each other safe. Find out what they did, and just how many people in their town have been vaccinated (hint: it's a lot), on the [Department of Health website](#).



New COVID-19 vaccines resources available

[Catherine](#), Eastern Arrernte woman living in Mparntwe, Alice Springs, is a registered nurse, and frontline worker. She has been working hard to keep people safe, and wants everyone else to do the same, by getting two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Catherine's daughter [Shanley](#) is also encouraging other young people to get their COVID-19 vaccine so that they can hang out again.

[Watch and share](#) the videos of this family, to encourage others to get their COVID-19 vaccine too.

It is safe for pregnant women to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

[Download](#) and display this poster, which provides information about pregnant women and the COVID-19 vaccines.



Boosting COVID-19 vaccination support for Indigenous Australians

The Australian Government is further boosting the vaccination program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across 30 priority areas to ensure all Australians can access a COVID-19 vaccine. This is being done in partnership with National Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (NACCHO), states and territories, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) and other Indigenous stakeholders.

Read the full media release on the [Department of Health website](#).



Yarning Safe'n'Strong

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) have set up a free and confidential counselling service for any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person who may want to have a yarn with someone about their wellbeing.

COVID-19 has impacted so many people across Australia, leaving many feeling vulnerable and isolated. If that's you, or you just want to yarn safely with someone who 'gets it', why don't you give them a call?

For more information, visit the [VAHS website](#), or their [Facebook page](#).



Our community getting vaccinated

Vanessa:

“Seeing COVID-19 spread so quickly out West [Western NSW] and hearing how sick people were getting really scared me. I decided to get vaccinated to keep my kids, family and community safe. I'm fully vaccinated now so stay safe, look after everyone, get tested and have the jab.”

[Download this template](#) to share your own vaccine journey.



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