

Appendix B - Additional guidance and resources

Jurisdictional (State/Territory) Guidance

Please see relevant state/territory guidance for COVID-19 information, currently effective directives, and helplines:

Jurisdiction	Public Health Guidance
Australian Capital Territory	<p>COVID-19 information: COVID-19 ACT Government</p> <p>Public Health Direction: ACT Public Health Directions - COVID-19</p> <p>COVID-19 Helpline: (02) 6207 7244</p>
New South Wales	<p>COVID-19 information: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) NSW Health NSW Government</p> <p>Public Health Orders: Self-isolation - NSW legislation</p> <p>Service NSW phone line: 13 77 88</p>
Victoria	<p>COVID-19 information: Coronavirus (COVID-19) health.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Public Health Order: Pandemic Order Register</p> <p>COVID-19 Helpline: 1800 675 398</p>
Queensland	<p>COVID-19 information: COVID-19 in Queensland Health and wellbeing Queensland Government (www.qld.gov.au)</p> <p>Public Health Direction: Chief Health Officer public health directions Queensland Health</p> <p>COVID-19 Helpline: 13 42 68</p>
Tasmania	<p>COVID-19 information: Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)</p> <p>Public Health Direction: Resources Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)</p> <p>Public Health Hotline: 1800 671 738</p>
Northern Territory	<p>COVID-19 information: Coronavirus (COVID-19) (nt.gov.au)</p> <p>Public Health Direction: Chief Health Officer Directions Coronavirus (COVID-19) (nt.gov.au)</p> <p>COVID-19 Hotline: 1800 490 484</p>
South Australia	<p>SA COVID-19 information: SA.GOV.AU: COVID-19 SA.GOV.AU: COVID-19</p> <p>Public Health Direction: Emergency Declaration and Directions SA.GOV.AU: COVID-19</p> <p>COVID-19 Information phone line: 1800 253 787</p>

Western Australia	<p>COVID-19 information: COVID-19 (coronavirus) (health.wa.gov.au)</p> <p>Public Health Direction: COVID-19 coronavirus: State of Emergency Declarations (www.wa.gov.au)</p> <p>COVID-19 Helpline: 13 268 43</p>
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Further guidance documents

Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC)

AHPPC releases overarching [statements on COVID-19](#), as the key decision-making committee, in response to the evolving COVID-19 situation in Australia. Statements include best practice testing and quarantine recommendations, vaccination mandates and high-risk setting considerations.

Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI)

ATAGI releases [COVID-19 Vaccination Statements and Weekly COVID-19 meeting updates](#) outlining guidance relating to COVID-19 vaccines:

- [ATAGI statement on defining up to date status for COVID-19 vaccination](#) (February 2022)
- [Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation \(ATAGI\) Clinical guidance on use of COVID-19 vaccine in Australia in 2021](#) (February 2022)

CDNA Guidelines

CDNA guidelines are available to support management of outbreaks in residential care facilities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, correctional facilities and specific settings such as schools and meat processing facilities. CDNA periodically reviews the following guidelines based on epidemiological context.

High risk settings and situations

- [CDNA national guidelines for the prevention, control and public health management of COVID-19 outbreaks in residential care facilities in Australia](#) (February 2022)
- [CDNA national guidelines for the prevention and management of COVID-19 outbreaks in disability residential services – The Disability Supplement](#) (June 2021)
- [CDNA National Guidance for remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities for COVID-19](#) (February 2022)
- [CDNA National Guidance for Urban and Regional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities for COVID-19](#) (December 2020)
- [CDNA national guidelines for the prevention, control and public health management of COVID-19 outbreaks in correctional and detention facilities in Australia](#) (October 2021)
- [CDNA National Guidelines for Cruising in Australia](#) (May 2022)

Testing framework

- [Testing Framework for COVID-19 in Australia](#) (March 2022)

National Disease Surveillance Plan

- [Australian National Disease Surveillance Plan for COVID-19](#) (April 2021)

Communicable Diseases Genomic Network (CDGN)

Members of the CDGN are working together to develop protocols and processes that can support and enable interstate, multi-jurisdictional and national COVID-19 pathogen genomics and enhance surveillance activities across jurisdictions. Further information can be acquired from the following:

Please see CGDN guidance for information on SARS-CoV-2 genomics:

- [CDGN Laboratory Case Definitions for SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern](#)
- [CDGN National COVID-19 Activities](#)
- [CDGN, PHLN and CDNA Sampling strategy for SARS-CoV-2 genomic surveillance](#) (November 2021)

Infection Control Expert Group (ICEG)

Please see ICEG guidance for information on best practice related to infection prevention and control methods in community, hospital and other institutional settings:

- [Infection Control Expert Group \(ICEG\) endorsed infection prevention and control guidance](#)

Public Health Laboratory Network (PHLN)

Please see PHLN guidance for information on best practice SARS-CoV-2 laboratory testing processes:

- [Public Health Laboratory Network \(PHLN\) guidance on laboratory testing for SARS-CoV-2](#) (January 2022)
- [PHLN statement on reporting of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern and interest](#) (November 2021)
- [PHLN and CDNA joint statement on SARS-CoV-2 rapid antigen tests](#) (February 2022)
- [PHLN Guidance on Nucleic Acid Test Result Interpretation for SARS-CoV-2](#) (September 2022)

Vaccine Safety Resources Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)

Please see TGA guidelines for information on vaccine safety:

- [COVID-19 vaccine safety monitoring and reporting | Therapeutic Goods Administration \(TGA\)](#)
- [AusVaxSafety active surveillance system](#)