

Sleeves roll up for the COVID-19 vaccine

COVID-19 vaccines have begun rolling out across Canberra.

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Pictured: Registered nurse at the Garran Oval COVID-19 Walk-in Testing Site, Maddy Williams, was among the first Canberrans to get her COVID-19 vaccine.



Message from the Chief Minister

The ACT's COVID-19 vaccination program is underway and all Canberrans will have access to a safe and effective vaccine during the rollout.

We are advised by the Federal Government that all Canberrans will have access to the vaccine by the end of the year.

In the meantime, we all have a responsibility to keep Canberra safe.

It will be important to continue to follow COVID safe behaviours – keep your physical distance, stay home if you are unwell, get tested and check in using the Check In CBR app.

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All Canberrans will have access to a safe, effective, and free COVID-19 vaccine during the rollout.

COVID-19 vaccine rollout underway

COVID-19 vaccines are rolling out, starting with those who are at greatest risk of exposure and those most vulnerable to COVID-19.

This includes Maddy Williams, registered nurse at Canberra Health Services. Maddy has received her vaccine

and is proud to be doing her part to protect herself, her loved ones, and the Canberra community from COVID-19.

➔ More at covid19.act.gov.au/vaccine, including Australian Government eligibility information



Protect yourself from the flu

Get the flu vaccine before winter to help keep yourself and your family well.

Everyone aged six months and older should get vaccinated – particularly those most at risk of complications from getting the flu. The vaccine is free for some people and is available from GPs, pharmacies, Early Childhood Immunisation Centres and some workplaces.

Many people will be getting vaccinated against the flu and COVID-19 this year. It's important to know the differences between these vaccines, how they will protect you and where to get them.

➔ Stay informed at health.act.gov.au/flu

Health workers named CBR Citizens of the Year

Canberra citizens who have enacted the Territory's public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic have been recognised as the 2021 Canberra Citizens of the Year.

They have been acknowledged for their sustained commitment and exceptional work to protect the ACT community during the global pandemic.

➔ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra/citizensoftheyear



COVID-19 vaccine rollout



Phase 1a

- Health care workers working in high-risk exposure and transmission areas
- Quarantine and border workers
- Residents and staff of aged care and disability residential care facilities



Phase 1b

- People 70 years and over
- Other health care workers, including aged and disability care
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 55 years and older
- Adults with a specified medical condition
- Adults living with a significant disability requiring frequent assistance with activities of daily living
- People with a disability or age-related condition and attend centre-based services
- Critical and high-risk workers including defence, police, fire, emergency services and meat processing
- Household contacts of quarantine and border workers
- Other eligible individuals like:
 - Carers (paid and unpaid) of people in 1a and 1b
 - Carers of children with specified underlying medical conditions
 - Disability and aged care support volunteers

People in 1b will be required to demonstrate or self-declare their eligibility.



Phase 2a

- Adults aged 50-69
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 18-54
- Other critical and high-risk workers



Phase 2b

- Balance of adult population
- Catch up any unvaccinated people from previous phases

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➔ Learn more covid19.act.gov.au/vaccine

Safer playgrounds for the region

Playgrounds across Canberra are undergoing safety improvements to ensure children of all ages can continue to have fun at their favourite park.



Playgrounds in Chapman, Curtin, Farrer, Holder, Hughes, Mawson, Pearce, Phillip, Rivett, Torrens, Waramanga and Weston will be part of this program.

Improvements may include the extension and top up of softfall and mulched areas, the relocation of equipment to ensure safe distances between play items, and the installation of handrails.

Work will commence this month and is expected to be completed mid-year.

→ More at cityservices.act.gov.au/infrastructure-projects



Funding boost for light rail to Woden

The Federal Government has thrown its support behind light rail to Woden by contributing funding for the extension to Commonwealth Park (Stage 2A).

This extension will deliver 1.7km of track, three new light rail stops at Edinburgh Avenue, City South and Commonwealth Park, as well as more jobs for Canberrans.

→ Sign up for updates at yoursay.act.gov.au/light-rail-to-woden

You must check in

The Check In CBR app is now mandatory at most Canberra businesses.

The app is one of the most effective measures we have to manage any potential outbreaks of COVID-19.

→ Download the app at covid19.act.gov.au/check-in-cbr



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Panel members have already helped to inform government decision-making around COVID-19, public transport and health and wellbeing.

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Commemorating Anzac Day

The Australian War Memorial will hold a ticketed Anzac Day Dawn Service and National Ceremony on Sunday 25 April 2021.

Canberrans without tickets to these events are encouraged to observe their own dawn service in their living room or by standing at the end of their driveway from 5.30am on Anzac Day.

Sunday 25 April and Monday 26 April 2021 will both be observed as public holidays.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra/anzacday2021

Sonam Choden named ACT Woman of the Year

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Sonam Choden led her colleagues, cleaners at Calvary Public Hospital, to achieve secure jobs and fair wages.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra/2021womanoftheyear



Only working smoke alarms save lives

Canberrans are being urged to take a few minutes to check their smoke alarm is fully functional.

There are three simple steps:

1. Clean the smoke alarm to remove dust
2. Check the batteries and change them if required
3. Test the smoke alarm.

It's always a good idea to check in with loved ones to ensure their smoke alarm is also in good shape.

→ More at esa.act.gov.au/smoke-alarms



Canberra and Region Heritage Festival returns

The Festival, now in its 38th year, runs from 6-26 April and includes 21 days of celebrations focused on Aboriginal, built, and natural heritage. 'Reimagine' what you know about heritage through tours, open days, displays, food, workshops and more.

→ Visit environment.act.gov.au/heritage/heritage-festival



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