

Get your COVID-19 booster vaccination

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The vaccination centre at the AIS Arena is ready to deliver more COVID-19 booster vaccinations to Canberrans.



Message from the Chief Minister

The pandemic isn't over so it is more important than ever before to get your booster shot.

The ACT Government's mass vaccination clinics are being scaled up to vaccinate 32,500 Canberrans each week. Pharmacies and GPs are vaccinating a similar number.

If you're a parent or carer of a child aged 5-11, book them in for a COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccination remains the most effective way to reduce the severity of disease and transmission of the virus.

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Get your COVID-19 booster vaccination

If you had a second COVID-19 vaccine dose three months ago, you are now eligible for a booster dose to increase your protection.

The ACT Government has accelerated the COVID-19 vaccination program through expanded capacity at the AIS Arena and the re-opening of the Canberra Airport vaccination hub to deliver more doses every day.

COVID-19 booster vaccinations are available for people aged 18+ at participating GPs, pharmacies and ACT Government COVID-19 vaccination clinics. If you have any questions, speak to your GP or another trusted health care professional.

To book your appointment at an ACT Government clinic call 5124 7700, between 7am and 7pm every day or visit covid19.act.gov.au/vaccine for online booking options.



Garran COVID-19 Clinic changes

A new dedicated clinic for people who are COVID-19 positive is now open at the Garran COVID-19 Surge Centre.

The clinic provides health care for people who have tested positive for COVID-19 and who need treatment for other non-life threatening injuries or illnesses. The clinic also provides patients who are COVID-19 positive with in-person support and advice as they manage their symptoms during the illness. COVID-19 testing will continue to operate separately at the facility.

Open seven days a week from 7.30am to 10pm.
Free service, no appointment is needed.

COVID-19 vaccines for kids

COVID-19 vaccines are available for children aged 5 to 11 years old.

The vaccines can help protect your kids for the new school year and can be booked through ACT Government COVID-19 vaccine clinics, GPs and pharmacies.

Have a chat with your trusted health care provider or visit the ACT Government's COVID-19 website for more information.





Belco storm cleanup continues

Thank you to all Belconnen residents who pitched in to help their neighbours and community following the destructive storm in early January. Emergency services, SES volunteers and ACT Government crews have responded to thousands of requests for help since the storm.

Fallen trees in public areas are still being removed. If you see storm damage in your area that still requires attention, you can log a request via the Fix My Street form at act.gov.au/fixmystreet.

140 TONNES
FOOD & GARDEN
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Locals embrace pilot composting program

Around 5000 Belconnen households have embraced the Food Organics Garden Organics bin collection pilot.

The pilot began in late 2021 and saw more than 140 tonnes of food and garden waste recycled in its first month. This results in nutrient-rich compost processed right here in Canberra.



Slow down around Belco schools

Students across Belconnen are back in the classroom this month and with 40km/h school zones back in force, drivers are encouraged to slow down and stay alert.

Every Canberra driver plays a role in keeping kids safe, particularly as roads become more congested during peak periods before and after school.

Keep an eye out for Canberra's 27 school crossing supervisors helping young and less visible students cross the road safely.

Local teacher wins award

Rourke O'Sullivan from University of Canberra High School Kaleen was named Secondary Teacher of the Year in the 2021 Public Education Awards.

Rourke was recognised for bringing an authentic First Nations lens to all his classes and modifying curriculum and programs to engage students from diverse backgrounds and experiences.



Your 2022 public transport, cycling + walking guide

Consider leaving the car at home more often and taking public transport, riding, walking or scooting in 2022.

It's better for the planet, reduces your time spent in traffic and helps you save on parking fees.

Public transport options

Rapid bus services

- ▶ Link town centres and other key destinations, running at least every 15 minutes between 7am and 7pm on weekdays and every 30 minutes at other times (including weekends).
- ▶ Include three services (R2, R3 and R4) that get you from Belconnen Town Centre to the city in about 20 minutes.

Local bus services

- ▶ Operate every 30 minutes or less on weekdays, connecting the region's suburbs to local shops and the Belconnen Town Centre.



Get a discount

Want to save around \$300* a year on your fares?

Travel is cheaper with MyWay and there's further discounts for travel during off-peak times. Discounts apply 9am-4.30pm weekdays, after 6pm and all weekend. Save an extra 5% with autoloader. Off-peak travel is **FREE** with a Seniors MyWayCard.

*Based on an adult fare, travelling five days a week, all year round.



Park and Ride

Take advantage of the eight local Park and Rides (see map overpage) to connect with Rapid bus services R2, R3, R4 and R8.

Cycling and walking

Enjoy the various scenic cycle routes connecting Belconnen to neighbouring town centres, including:

- ▶ C3a (Belconnen to City via Town Centre)
- ▶ C3b (Belconnen to City – Town Centre Bypass)
- ▶ C5 (Belconnen to Tuggeranong via Weston Creek)
- ▶ C7 (Belconnen to Gungahlin).

Bike rails and bike cages are located at many public transport stops and stations, and you can use the bike racks on the front of buses.

We're going electric

New electric buses are joining the fleet this year as part of Transport Canberra's transition to a zero-emissions bus fleet by 2040.

E-scooter expansion

Keep an eye out for e-scooters as they expand across Canberra in 2022. They are convenient, accessible, environmentally friendly and fun. E-scooters are perfect for shorter trips or connecting to bus services.

Belconnen bikeway

Head online to discover how 4.7 kilometres of shared and separated cycling and pedestrian facilities is making it easier to get from Belconnen to the University of Canberra, Australian Institute of Sport, CIT Bruce and the city.

For more on transport options, detailed cycling maps, e-scooter expansion news or to plan your next journey, visit transport.act.gov.au

Enlighten Festival is back!

Over
17 days
5 major
events

Canberra will shine bright with culture and creativity during March as the Enlighten Festival returns with five major events. All attendees are asked to abide by ACT Public Health Directions in place at the time of the event, and practise COVID-safe behaviours while attending Enlighten Festival.

► **Illuminations**

4-14 March: see the capital's most iconic buildings light up with projections.

► **Lights! Canberra! Action!**

11 March: applaud local creativity as the spotlight shines on local filmmakers.

► **Symphony in the Park**

13 March: sit back and enjoy the Canberra Symphony Orchestra in Commonwealth Park.

► **Canberra Day festivities**

14 March: celebrate Canberra Day with an array of festivities.

► **Canberra Balloon Spectacular**

12-20 March: watch the skies fill with colour at this annual favourite.

→ Find out more at enlightencanberra.com



Royal Canberra Show returns with less plastic

The Royal Canberra Show is returning this month, welcoming back visitors while reducing single-use plastics.

Single-use plastic straws, bowls and takeaway containers will be banned when the show returns from **25-27 February 2022** at Exhibition Park.

Its transition to sustainable items goes beyond the current Canberra-wide ban on single-use plastic cutlery, drink stirrers and polystyrene containers.



Surface Festival to bring colour to the streets

The ACT's first urban street art festival is taking place on **4-6 March**.

Surface Festival will see local and interstate artists transform blank surfaces in the City into colourful urban creations. It will also feature workshops, tours and satellite events across Canberra.

40km/h school zones reminder

40km/h school zones are back in place with young Canberrans returning to school. Remember to slow down, stay alert and help keep them safe.



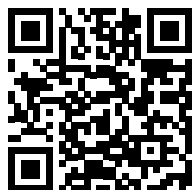
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