

### Public Health Emergency Coordination Centre

# **Communique**

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| **Security** | Public |
| **Distribution** | WA Health corporate website, WACHS Chief Executive, WACHS Regional Directors, Assistant Director General Public Health and Aboriginal Health Division, Director General of Health, Minister of Health |
| **Target audience** | High level stakeholders and general public  |

## Incident Name: Targeted Regional WA MenW Outbreak Response

### Communique. 1 (covers period 09.10.2017-17.10.2017).

### Day, date and time: Friday, 20 October 2017

### This communique has been authorised by: Dr Paul Armstrong

### Background

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| * Invasive meningococcal disease (IMD) due to meningococcal serogroup W (MenW) has risen rapidly across Australia since 2014.
* A statewide MenACWY vaccination program for 15-19 year olds commenced in April 2017 and is still continuing.
* An outbreak of MenW in central Australia started in July 2017. Aboriginal people living in communities across a broad area in the Central Australia, Barkly, and Katherine regions of the Northern Territory (NT) and the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands of South Australia (SA) have been affected. There has been one related case reported in WA.
* Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) vaccination programs have been introduced in the NT and the APY Lands in response to this outbreak.
* To prevent further transmission and cases of MenW, WA Health will offer free MenACWY vaccination to all people aged 2 months and over living in Aboriginal communities that have strong cultural links with central Australian communities affected by the outbreak, i.e. the Ngaanyatjarra Lands and Tjuntjuntjara (Goldfields); Balgo, Bililuna, Kundat Jaru (Ringer Soak) and Mulan (Kimberley); and Punmu, Kunawarritji, Parnngurr (Cotton Creek), and Jigalong (Pilbara).
* The estimated target population is 3,620 people.
* The targeted vaccination program will be implemented from 18 October to 17 December 2017.
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| Current situation |
| **Cases*** **1**

**Deaths*** Nil.
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| Map: Communities included in the *Targeted Regional WA MenW Outbreak Response*  |
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### Summary of vaccine doses administered and estimated coverage as of 15.10.2017

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|  | Goldfields | Kimberley | Pilbara |
| Aboriginality | 2-11 months | 12 months and over | 2-11 months | 12 months and over | 2-11 months | 12 months and over |
| Aboriginal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-Aboriginal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total vaccine doses administered |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total population\*  | 1769 | 798 | 714 |
| Estimated coverage by region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overall estimated coverage |  |  |  |  |  |  |

\*Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2016 census  |

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| Further communiques |
| * The next communique will be issued on 27.10.2017
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[**WebEOC Incident Name**](https://myeoc.health.wa.gov.au/)**:          20171012 Remote WA MenW surge response

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