



Vaccine Update 501- Expansion of Vaccine Advocacy Knowledge and Support through Collaboration (VAKS-CO), Capvaxive[®] supply update

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Vaccine Advocacy, Knowledge, and Support through Collaboration (VAKS-Co) expanded

[Vaccination Advocacy, Knowledge, and Support through Collaboration \(VAKS-Co\)](#) started in 2024 as a partnership between the Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) and North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS) to support collaboration and coordination of WA Health immunisation improvement activities. The collaboration is now pleased to welcome [WA Country Health Service \(WACHS\)](#) to this initiative.

The Department of Health is also involved to help provide guidance and direction, including alignment with the [WA Immunisation Strategy 2024–2028](#).

VAKS-Co is focusing on four projects in 2026, which are:

- to improve access to immunisation advice in WA,
- improve opportunistic vaccinations in hospital,
- improve AIR data quality; and
- provide extra support to families more likely to have difficulties accessing vaccination.

For further information about VAKS-Co, contact VAKSCo@health.wa.gov.au

Capvaxive® supply update

There has been high demand for Capvaxive® (pneumococcal vaccine) since its introduction on 1 July 2026 as a new vaccine for adults under the National Immunisation Program (NIP), in which the following cohorts are eligible for free vaccination:

- adults aged 65 years and over
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults aged 25 years and over
- adults aged 18 years and over with specified medical conditions that increase their risk of severe disease.

Localised vaccine supply and distribution issues have created temporary interruptions to the availability of Capvaxive®, and as such, the Commonwealth government is working with the manufacturer to import more doses. The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is also prioritising the processing of Capvaxive® as stock arrives in Australia.

Please ensure that you are not scheduling clinics or recalls until supply has settled and there are confirmed doses in your fridge. According to the [Australian Immunisation Register](#) (AIR), there are still an estimated 14,000 doses in provider fridges across Western Australia that have not yet been administered. In order to maintain a consistent supply, ordering limits are in place until supply has settled. Requests for additional doses may not be approved.

Important messaging from the Commonwealth to note:

- Additional supply continues to be released and distribution is being fast-tracked.
- A substantial volume of vaccine is in circulation. However, in recent years there has been a significant increase in the number of providers administering NIP vaccines. While vaccine availability may vary between locations, eligible individuals who enquire should be encouraged to contact other providers in their area.
- Until vaccine supply is steadily available, immunisation providers should exercise judgement in prioritising individuals for vaccination in line with clinical recommendations (refer to the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#)).
- Pneumococcal vaccination under the NIP is ongoing. Eligible individuals will continue to have opportunities to access vaccination as supply of Capvaxive® stabilises.
- Individuals who have received a pneumococcal vaccine (such as Prevenar 13 or Pneumovax 23) **are not** eligible for a Capvaxive® vaccination until at least 12 months after their previous dose of pneumococcal vaccine.

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- Providers offering eligible residential aged care facility (RACF) residents NIP vaccinations should ensure any catch-up or recall vaccinations align with current eligibility, including recommended intervals between vaccination doses.
- Providers should be ensuring they have vaccine stock before booking patients for vaccination, including RACF clinics.

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