

- The Communicable Disease Network Australia (CDNA), a subgroup of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), has prioritised the following groups for vaccination, utilising existing supply on hand in Australia:
  - people who work at, reside at, or have a planned non-deferrable visit to a:
    - piggery, including but not limited to farm workers and their families (including children aged 2 months and older) living at the piggery, transport workers, veterinarians and others involved in the care of pigs
    - pork abattoir or pork rendering plant.
  - personnel who work directly with mosquitoes through their surveillance (field or laboratory based) or control and management, and indirectly through management of vertebrate mosquito-borne disease surveillance systems (e.g. sentinel animals) such as:
    - environmental health officers and workers (urban and remote)
    - entomologists
  - all diagnostic and research laboratory workers who may be exposed to the virus, such as persons working with JEV cultures or mosquitoes with the potential to transmit JEV; as per the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#).
  - 16,000 vaccines have already begun rolling out to these immediate priority groups.
- These groups/individuals are eligible for funded vaccine regardless of whether they reside or work in an LGA where JEV has been detected.
- People who fall under these priority categories can [contact their local public health authority \(Attachment A\)](#) to find out how to receive a JEV vaccine.
- The affected areas currently identified are potentially temporary in nature and are utilised to communicate messages asking people to protect themselves from mosquitoes.
- As surveillance progresses and geographic areas of risk become clearer over time, a vaccination strategy will be developed through the CDNA in consultation with the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI).

## Attachment A

### State and territory immunisation health services

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