



Communique

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Incident Name: Targeted Regional WA MenW Outbreak Response

Communique. 2 (covers period 17.10.2017-22.10.2017). **New information in bold, blue font.**

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Background

- 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.

Current situation

WA cases linked to the central Australia outbreak

- **Number of cases:** 1
- **Number of deaths:** Nil

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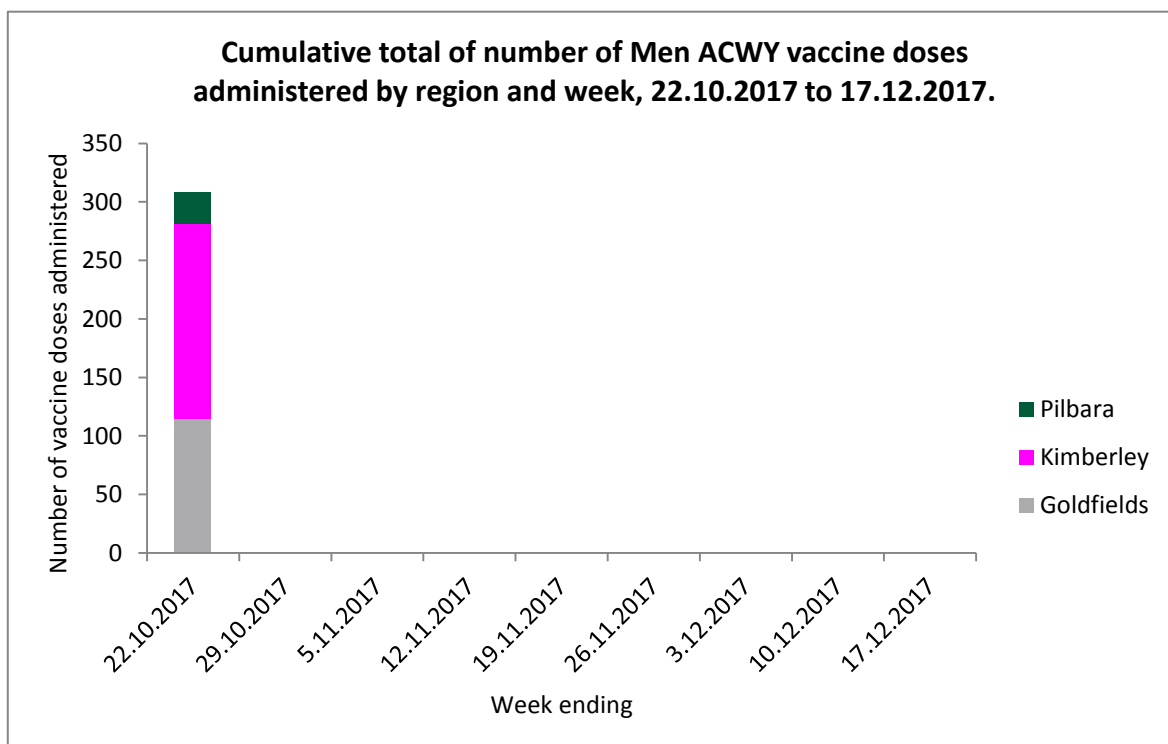
- [Clinician advice, FAQs and other resources](#) has been published, circulated and posted on the [Healthy WA](#) and the [Health Professionals website](#).

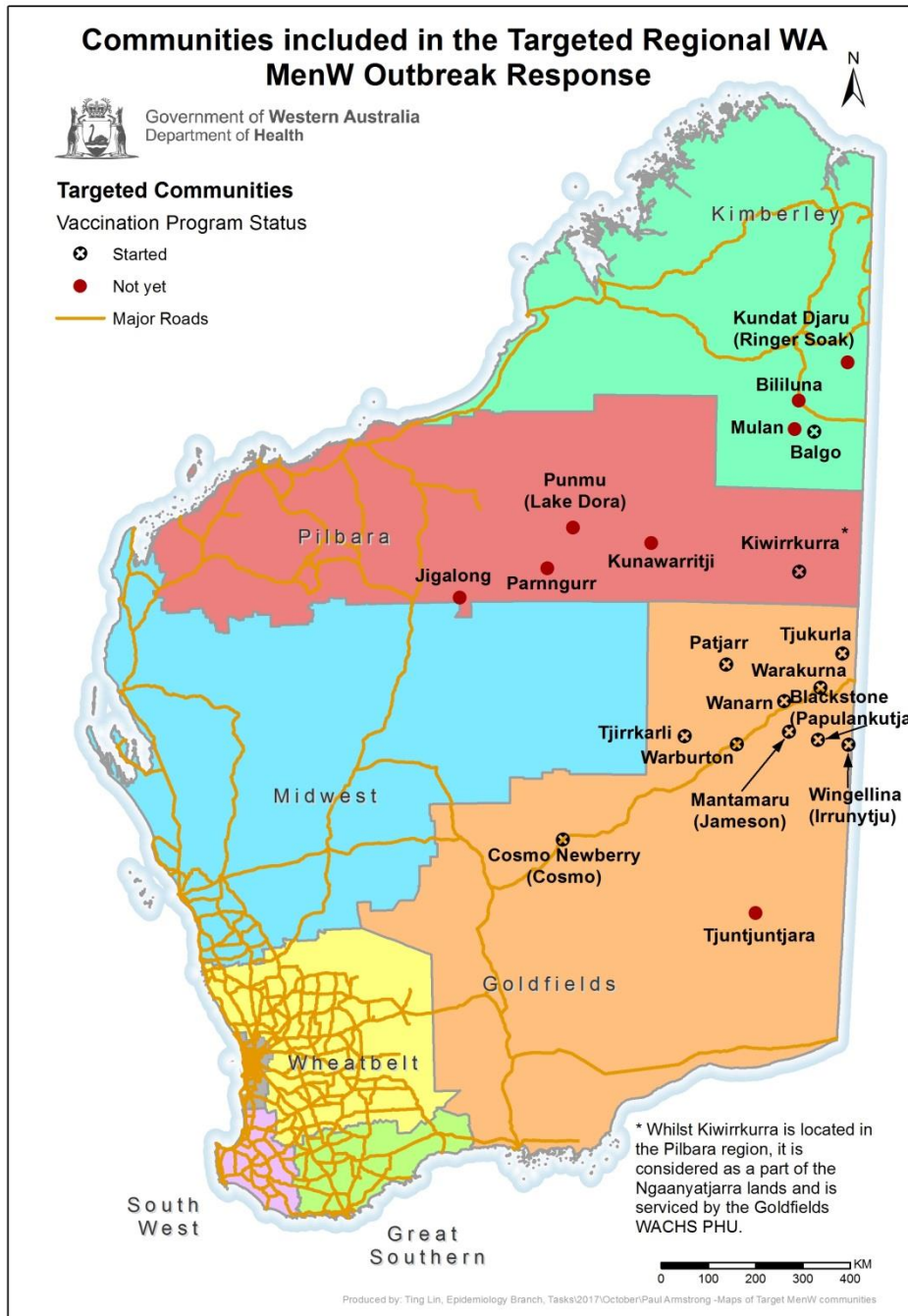
Summary of Men ACWY vaccine doses administered and estimated vaccination coverage (%), data extracted on 23.10.2017

	Goldfields		Kimberley		Pilbara	
	2-11 months	12 months and over	2-11 months	12 months and over	2-11 months	12 months and over
Vaccine doses administered before 16.10.2017	0	82	0	71	0	27
Vaccine doses administered, 16.10.2017 onwards	0	33	1	94	0	0
Total population*	2013		798		714	
Estimated coverage by region	6%		21%		4%	
Estimated coverage, overall	9%					

*Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2016 census.

Please note: Regional population estimates are based on 2016 census, however populations will vary due to significant movement of people. Vaccination coverage should consider local population estimates at time of vaccination.





Further communiques

- The next communique will be issued on [3.11.2017](#).

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