

JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS (JEV) UPDATE

Information for primary care providers – please distribute to all staff

- The eligibility criteria for free JEV vaccine has been simplified for wider recommendation.
- Local Government Areas (LGAs) eligible for free JE vaccine have expanded to include Uralla, Glen Innes Severn, Kyogle, Lismore and Richmond Valley.
- Offer free JEV vaccination to all eligible patients and advise on mosquito bite prevention.

Current situation

- 5 people have acquired JEV in NSW in 2025 and sadly two of these people have died.
- JEV is likely to be present across NSW west of the Great Dividing Range and parts of northern NSW. The risk is likely to continue in future seasons.
- The areas eligible for free vaccine have been expanded to 5 additional LGAs in northern NSW based on latest risk assessments.

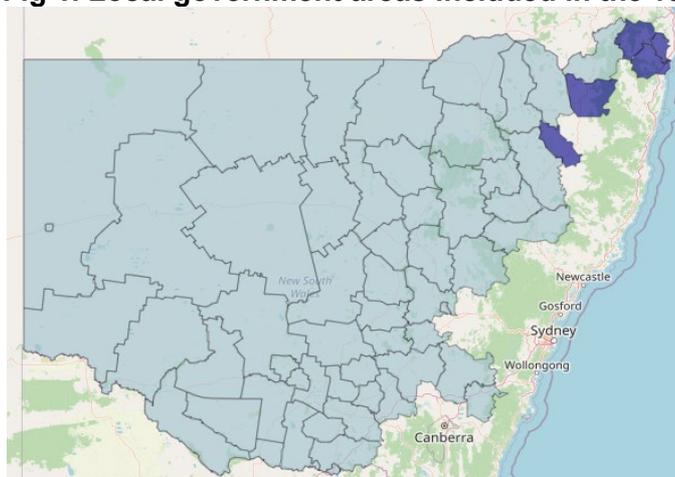
Updated vaccination eligibility criteria

In NSW, JEV vaccine is available for free for people aged 2 months or older who live or work (including volunteer deployments) in any of the [eligible Local Government Areas](#) (LGAs) and are at risk of mosquito bites.

Five additional LGAs are now eligible including **Uralla, Glen Innes Severn, Kyogle, Lismore, and Richmond Valley**. The full list of 60 eligible LGAs is available on NSW Health [JEV Vaccination](#).

JE vaccination can be given at the same time as influenza vaccination. JE vaccines can be administered by primary care providers, including GPs and pharmacies. See [JEV – Information for health professionals](#) for information on ordering vaccine.

Fig 1. Local government areas included in the vaccine eligibility criteria



Key

Light blue areas: Areas previously included in the vaccine eligibility criteria
Dark blue areas: New areas now added to vaccine eligibility criteria

Advice for travellers

- People who are travelling to areas where JEV is present, including to overseas endemic countries, should take measures to protect themselves from mosquito bites.
- JEV vaccine is available privately for those who do not meet the eligibility criteria for free vaccine.
- Vaccination should be completed at least 2 weeks prior to travel.

Further information:

Contact your public health unit on 1300 066 055 or visit: [Japanese encephalitis – Information for health professionals](#) or [Mosquito Borne Diseases](#)



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