



## **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL (SAPHC)**

### **Meeting 26 Summary**

**Wednesday, 29 May 2019**

*Following each meeting of the South Australian Public Health Council, a key outcome summary (covering issues discussed, decisions, actions, recommendations and follow-up) is produced and published to inform the Minister, local government and other interested parties of the SAPHC's activities*

#### **Influenza Vaccine to Homeless People**

SAPHC was provided with an options paper for providing free influenza vaccine to homeless people in South Australia.

The Australian Immunisation Handbook does recommend influenza vaccination for homeless people, but it is not funded on the National Immunisation Program (NIP) for this group. The vaccine is funded by the Australian Government on the NIP for:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged six months and over
- People aged six months or over who have medical conditions that mean they have a higher risk of getting serious disease
- Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy
- People aged 65 years and over.

Members provided support for a program to be put in place for the provision of free influenza vaccine to homeless people in South Australia. The Department for Health and Wellbeing (DHW) is to be approached to consider how to operationalise the program.

#### **Public Health Partners Authorities**

SAPHC was provided with an update on the Public Health Partner Authorities (PHPAs). There are currently 17 PHPA partners. SAPHC were provided with a copy of the PHPA Evaluation Framework. The evaluation of PHPAs will be underpinned by the purpose, scope, focus and timeframe.

#### **Public Health Emergency Management Plan Review**

The review of the Public Health Emergency Management Plan has been completed and is ready for consultation.

The PHEMP outlines the responsibilities, authorities and the mechanisms to minimise, or if they occur, manage and recover from, declared or undeclared Public Health Incidents or Public Health Emergencies within South Australia.



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