



Communique

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Incident Name: Targeted Regional WA MenW Outbreak Response

Communique. 1 (covers period 09.10.2017-17.10.2017).

Day, date and time: Friday, 20 October 2017

This communique has been authorised by: Dr Paul Armstrong

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

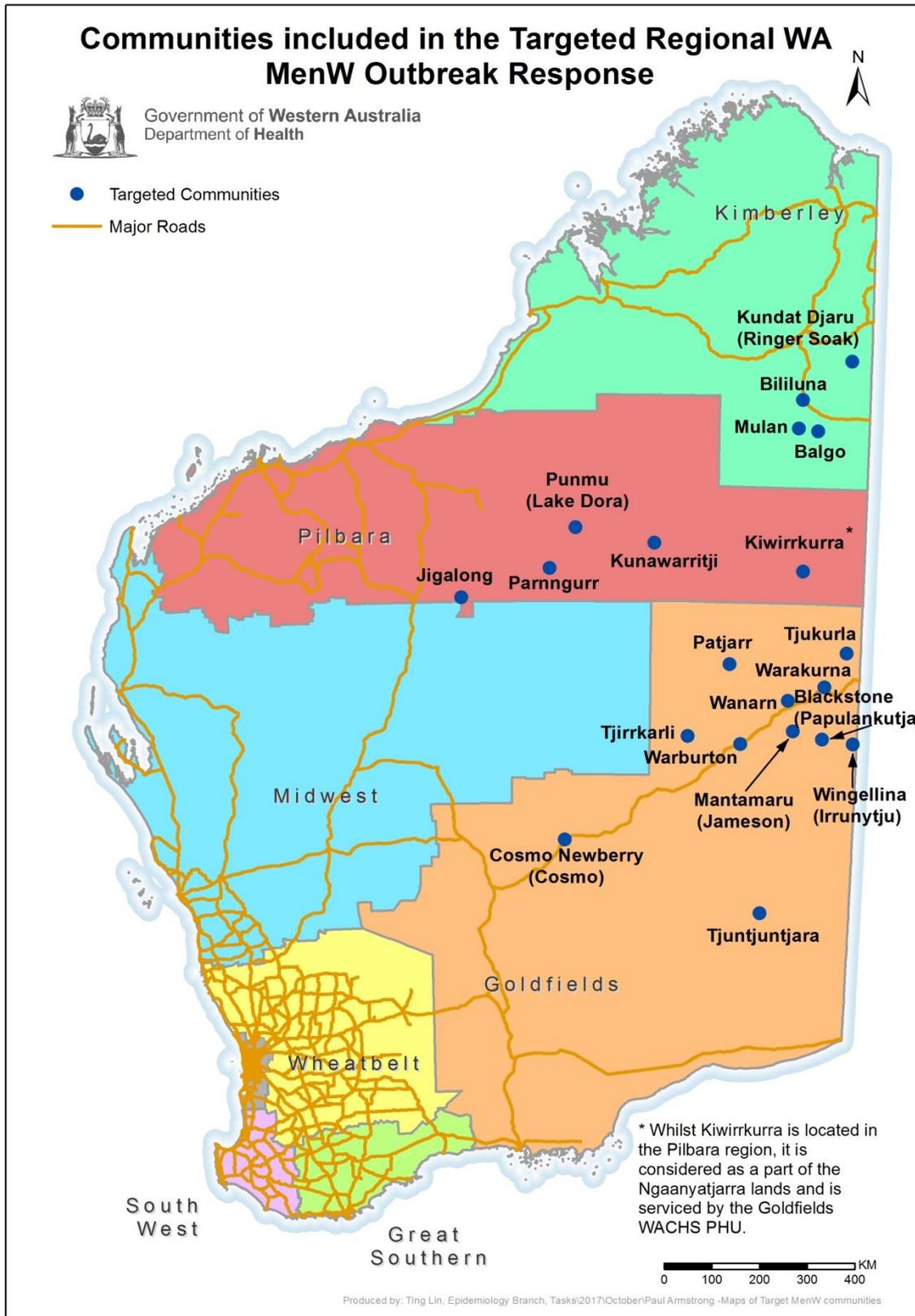
Cases

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Deaths

- Nil.

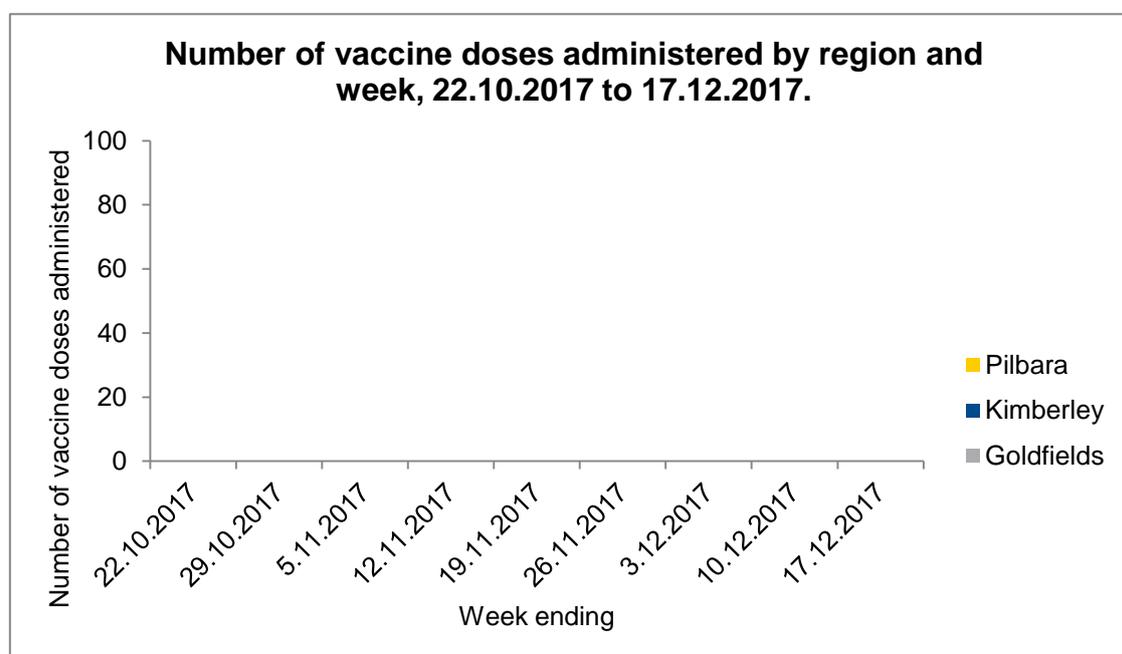
Map: Communities included in the Targeted Regional WA MenW Outbreak Response



Summary of vaccine doses administered and estimated coverage as of 15.10.2017

	Goldfields		Kimberley		Pilbara	
Aboriginality	2-11 months	12 months and over	2-11 months	12 months and over	2-11 months	12 months and over
Aboriginal						
Non-Aboriginal						
Total vaccine doses administered						
Total population*	1769		798		714	
Estimated coverage by region						
Overall estimated coverage						

*Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2016 census



Further communiques

- The next communique will be issued on 27.10.2017

WebEOC Incident Name: 20171012 Remote WA MenW surge response

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