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COVID-19 Survey - We need your help

On 30 July 2021, the Prime Minister announced that all States and Territories had agreed to a [Four Step Plan \(Attachment A.\)](#) for transitioning Australia's COVID-19 response from one that involves suppressing the virus, to one involving prevention of serious illness, hospitalisation and fatality through a combination of high rates of vaccination and the application of other public health measures such as ongoing low-level restrictions and effective track and trace programs.

With the delta variant proving hard to control; vaccination rates for our people falling behind those of the rest of the population; and all governments moving forward on the plan (although at somewhat different rates) the NAATSIHWP Board and Team are concerned about the impacts this transition may have on you and our communities. Given your critical frontline roles we are therefore eager to find out about your preparedness for this transition.

To give us a snapshot of the situation across the country we have developed a short [survey](#) and need as many of you as possible to participate. A high response will enable us to tailor support to meet your needs and to take your voices and concerns forward for consideration at the national level.

The survey will be open until **5:00pm on Monday 30 August**. It is short and will take no more than 5 minutes of your time.

After we have analysed the responses we will compile a short report and keep you informed of the actions we are taking to support you and our communities.

We must keep working together to keep our elders, families and communities safe.

NAATSIHWP has strong networks with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and workforce organisations and Governments and we are positioned to take your concerns forward. If you need assistance or want to raise any issues, or just want to have a yarn, during this challenging time please give us a call on 1800 983 984 or drop us an email at policy@natsihwa.org.au.

Again, we acknowledge and thank you for the work that you do. Please stay safe.

The NAATSIHWP Team