



Communicable Disease Control Directorate Strategy 2023–26

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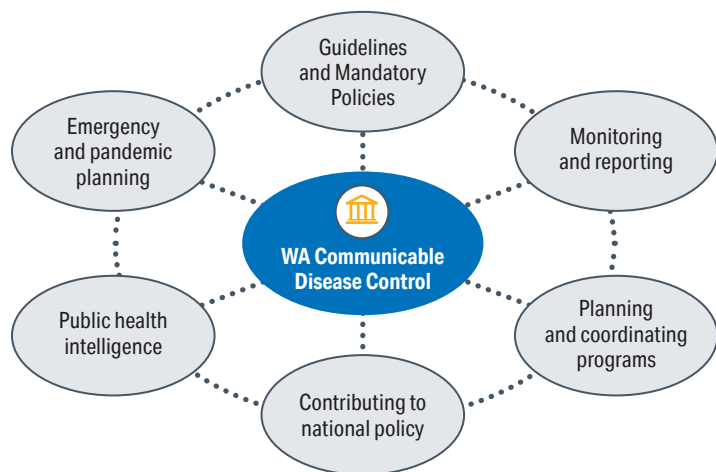
Planning context

The **Communicable Disease Control Directorate (CDCD)**, is part of the Public and Aboriginal Health Division of the Western Australian (WA) Department of Health. CDCD develops and maintains multiple guidelines and Mandatory Policies, guided by the high-level strategic directions of the *State Public Health Plan for Western Australia 2019–24*.

The legislative environment within which CDCD operates is framed by the *Public Health Act 2016* and *Public Health Regulations 2017*, and the *Health Services Act 2016*.

Other guiding documents include the *WA Immunisation Strategy*, *Infectious Disease Emergency Management Plan* and *WA Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Strategies*.

'System Manager' core functions



Diverse Communicable Disease Control ecosystem

Global and regional

- United Nations
- Sustainable Development Goals
- World Health Organization
- Indo-Pacific Centre for Health Security

WA Public Health and Communicable Diseases

- Chief Health Officer
- WA Public and Aboriginal Health Division
- Communicable Diseases Control Directorate
- Epidemiology Branch
- Aboriginal Health Policy Directorate
- Environmental Health Directorate
- Metropolitan and regional Public Health Units

Australia

- Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care
- Australian Health Protection Principal Committee
- Communicable Diseases Network Australia
- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Protection
- National Integrated Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System
- State/Territory jurisdictions



Western Australia

- Department of Premier and Cabinet, Treasury
- WA Health Minister
- WA Department of Health
- Health Service Providers
- Health Support Services
- PathWest
- Private laboratories and healthcare facilities
- Aboriginal health service providers
- Other non-government service providers

Strategic intent

Vision

Communicable disease control in Western Australia is data-driven, equitable, sustainable, accessible, agile and integrated.

Mission

To prevent, detect, control and reduce the impact of communicable diseases in Western Australia.

Our values

- Community and outcome-focused
- Accessible centre of expertise
- Collaborative innovators
- Proactive, supportive and responsive to staff and stakeholders
- Connected statewide, nationally and globally

Our programs

- Data Systems and Support Program
- Immunisation Program
- Infection Prevention Policy and Surveillance Unit
- Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Program
- Surveillance and Disease Control Program

Our priorities

- Surveil, prevent and control **notifiable infectious diseases and health care associated infection**
- Maintain human health biosecurity functions for WA
- Enhance **data management systems for reporting** to support evidence-based decision making
- **Extend vaccine service provision**, vaccine management, surveillance and reporting
- Monitor **antimicrobial resistance**
- **Prepare for and respond to infectious disease emergencies**
- Build the capacity of healthcare facilities to implement **infection prevention and control** practices
- **Eliminate** HIV, hepatitis C and congenital syphilis; improve treatment access to hepatitis B
- Work towards **Closing the Gap for the Aboriginal population** and address **health inequities** related to infectious diseases

Strategic change

Objectives

- 1 Lead an integrated public health response to communicable diseases
- 2 Improve data systems to enable efficiencies and streamline decision making
- 3 Strengthen capacity to prevent and respond to communicable diseases
- 4 Strengthen community and key stakeholder engagement