

C. National Plan to transition Australia’s National COVID-19 Response

The *National Plan to transition Australia’s National COVID-19 Response* (the National Plan) was agreed at National Cabinet on 6 August 2021. This plan referenced a reduced need for quarantine as vaccination rates increased. At the date the National Plan was published, approximately 31.7 per cent of the Queensland population over 16 were fully vaccinated. The table below identifies the phases and possible measures under the National Plan.

Figure C1
National Plan to transition Australia’s National COVID-19 Response phases

Phase	Possible measures
<p>Phase A – Vaccinate, Prepare and Pilot</p> <p>Continue to suppress the virus for the purpose of minimising community transition.</p>	<p>Measures may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerate vaccination rates • Close international borders to keep COVID-19 out • Early, stringent and short lockdowns if outbreaks occur • Minimise cases in the community through effective test, trace and isolate capabilities • Inbound passenger caps temporarily reduced • Recognise and adopt the existing digital Medicare Vaccination Certificate
<p>Phase B – Vaccination Transition Phase</p> <p>Seek to minimise serious illness, hospitalisation and fatalities as a result of COVID-19 with low-level restrictions.</p> <p>(70 per cent of population over 16 are fully vaccinated)</p>	<p>Measures may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimise cases in the community through ongoing low-level restrictions • Lockdowns less likely but possible • Ease restrictions on vaccinated residents (TBD) • Restore inbound passenger caps at previous levels for unvaccinated returning travellers and larger caps for vaccinated returning travellers • Introduce new reduced quarantine arrangements for vaccinated residents
<p>Phase C – Vaccination Consolidation Phase</p> <p>Seek to minimise serious illness, hospitalisation and fatalities as a result of COVID-19 with baseline restrictions.</p> <p>(80 per cent of population over 16 are fully vaccinated)</p>	<p>Measures may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly targeted lockdowns only • Continue vaccine booster programme • Exempt vaccinated residents from all domestic restrictions • Abolish caps on returning vaccinated Australians • Lift all restrictions on outbound travel for vaccinated Australians



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<p>Phase D – Post-Vaccination Phase</p> <p>Manage COVID-19 consistent with public health management of other infectious diseases.</p>	<p>Measures may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open international borders • Minimise cases in the community without ongoing restrictions or lockdowns • Boosters as necessary • Allow uncapped inbound arrivals for all vaccinated persons, without quarantine

Source: National Plan to transition Australia’s National COVID-19 Response.

