

# Australia's Latest Health Headlines: Diphtheria Outbreak, Medicare Reforms, a

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**1. What serious bacterial infection, preventable by vaccination, has seen Australia's worst outbreak in decades spreading across multiple states?**

- A) Tetanus
- B) Diphtheria
- C) Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
- D) Meningitis

**2. As of May 2026, which Australian states have recorded cases of the diphtheria outbreak?**

- A) New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, ACT
- B) Western Australia, South Australia, Queensland, Northern Territory
- C) New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia
- D) Western Australia, Tasmania, Northern Territory, Victoria

**3. What significant change is being implemented to Medicare bulk billing incentives to support general practice?**

- A) A decrease in the standard consultation rebate.
- B) The introduction of a new Bulk Billing Practice Incentive Program.
- C) A freeze on all bulk billing incentives.
- D) A reduction in the number of eligible bulk-billed services.

**4. According to recent research, what has been the impact of Australian guidelines recommending early egg introduction into a child's diet?**

- A) A significant increase in egg allergy rates.
- B) No discernible change in egg allergy rates.
- C) A 17% drop in childhood egg allergy rates.
- D) A slight increase in severe egg allergies.

**5. Which initiative has the Australian Government launched to invest in health for the Pacific and Southeast Asia, particularly for COVID-19 recovery?**

- A) Regional Health Security Initiative
- B) Global Health Preparedness Plan
- C) Partnerships for a Healthy Region
- D) Asia-Pacific Health Resilience Program

**6. What is the primary focus of Australia's collaboration with the WHO regarding health security?**

- A) Developing new vaccine technologies
- B) Strengthening resilience to infectious diseases and emerging outbreaks
- C) Regulating international travel for health purposes
- D) Establishing global health tourism standards

**7. Australia is in the process of establishing which new national health agency to build on existing strengths and protect against health threats?**

- A) The National Health Institute
- B) The Australian Centre for Health Security
- C) The Australian Centre for Disease Control (Australian CDC)
- D) The Public Health Response Agency

**8. What is the new maximum cost for a prescription under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) as part of the 'cheaper medicines' initiative?**

- A) \$31.60
- B) \$25.00
- C) \$7.70
- D) \$42.85

**9. What health condition has seen a mysterious rise in rates among young people, leaving doctors stumped?**

- A) Type 2 Diabetes
- B) Bowel Cancer
- C) Rheumatoid Arthritis
- D) Osteoporosis

**10. What is being done to address the issue of vaping in Australia?**

- A) The ban on non-therapeutic vapes is being reversed.
- B) Vapes must now use plain packaging and include information leaflets.
- C) Vaping is being promoted as a cessation tool.
- D) Stricter regulations are being considered for therapeutic vapes only.