



PHEOC BULLETIN #70

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COVID-19 case and vaccination numbers

The latest advice from the Chief Health Officer

- **Summary:** as of **Friday 16 July**, in Western Australia (WA), there have been:
 - **1,036** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **99** historical cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **1,021** people recover from COVID-19
 - **1,449,908** COVID-19 tests conducted
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot & Vaccination dashboard](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status & Australia's vaccine roll-out](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports & WHO Dashboard](#)

Living with COVID

Chief Health Officer advice

The latest advice from the Chief Health Officer is available [here](#).

- [14 July 2021](#) - **Border Restrictions - Victoria**
- [09 July 2021](#) - **Relaxation of Perth-Peel region restrictions**
- [08 July 2021](#) - **Easing of border controls - Northern Territory**
- [05 July 2021](#) - Relaxation of Perth-Peel region restrictions
- [02 July 2021](#) - Clarification of whether indoor classes are allowed
- [02 July 2021](#) - Relaxation of lockdown restrictions

Perth and Peel return to pre-lockdown conditions

The transitional outbreak conditions for the Perth and Peel regions ended as planned at 12:01am Monday 12 July 2021. Phase 5 conditions have been reinstated.

Venues and events have no capacity requirements (events with more than 500 patrons are required to complete a [COVID Event Checklist or Plan](#)). Most businesses and venues are required to continue to maintain a contact register, including a manual registration option. While it's not mandatory, all businesses are encouraged to maintain contact registers as they're essential in identifying contacts of known cases of COVID-19.

Additional restrictions remain in place for visitors to residential aged care facilities (RACF) to protect residents. Visitors should not attend if they have:

- returned from overseas in the last 14 days
- been informed they are a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- not had an up-to-date influenza vaccination
- symptoms, including:
 - fever
 - recent history of fever
 - symptoms of acute respiratory infection (e.g. shortness of breath, cough, sore throat)
 - loss of smell or taste

Quarantine centre workers must wear a face mask and keep 1.5 metres away from other people when visiting residential aged care facilities.

Refer to the RACF [Directions](#) and [WA.gov.au](#) regarding current community conditions.

People who develop COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild, should present for a test at a COVID-19 [testing clinic](#).

Victorian hard border and exposure site advice

As a result of updated public health advice Victoria has transitioned from a 'low risk' jurisdiction to a 'medium risk' jurisdiction. As of 12.01am 17 July 2021, all return travellers from or via Victoria must be exempt through a [G2G PASS](#) and are required to:

- self-quarantine in a suitable premises for 14 days
- present for an initial COVID-19 test within 48 hours
- present for a COVID-19 test if any symptoms develop during quarantine
- present for a COVID-19 test on day 11 after arrival in WA (if still in WA).

Refer to the hard border [announcement](#) or [media release](#) for further information.

Read the requirements for those who arrived between 12.01am 8 July 2021 and 12.01am 17 July 2021 in the [announcement](#) for additional information.

All returned travellers should wear a face covering and practise physical distancing while attending a [COVID clinic](#) for testing, and continue to monitor the Victorian listed exposure sites in case additional locations are added.

South Australia exposure site advice

Anyone who has visited South Australian [exposure sites](#) during the relevant times is required to:

- get a COVID-19 test immediately (within 48 hours)
- self-quarantine for 14 days and get a COVID-19 test on Day 11
- wear a face mask and practise physical distancing when transiting to a self-quarantine premises or to get a COVID-19 test.

All returned travellers should continue to monitor the listed exposure sites in case additional locations are added and are advised to get tested if they develop any symptoms. [Testing clinic](#) information is available on HealthyWA.

Read the [announcement](#) for further information.

Tasmania exposure site advice

In response to updated [health advice](#), all arrivals into WA from Tasmania since Saturday, 26 June 2021 who have been to any of the listed [exposure sites](#) during the relevant times are required to:

- get a COVID-19 test immediately (within 48 hours)
- self-isolate until a negative test is received
- wear a face mask and practise physical distancing when transiting to self-quarantine premises or to get a COVID-19 test
- present for a COVID-19 test on day 11.

All other return travellers from 26 June 2021 are advised to get tested if they develop any symptoms that may be related to COVID-19. [Testing clinic](#) information is available on HealthyWA.

Refer to the [announcement](#) for further information.

New South Wales entry requirements tightened

Due to the worsening COVID-19 situation in NSW, the exemption criteria for entering WA under compassionate grounds have been further tightened. WA residents wanting to enter WA from NSW are not guaranteed entry and need to demonstrate extenuating circumstances to be granted approval.

Read the [announcement](#) for further information.

Jurisdiction risk rating

New South Wales, [Victoria](#) and Queensland are considered 'medium risk'. Australian Capital Territory is considered 'low risk'. [Northern Territory](#), South Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand are considered 'very low risk'. For more information on WA's border arrangement, see the WA Government's controlled interstate border [webpage](#).

Travel from Australia to New Zealand

Quarantine-free travel from Western Australia to New Zealand **has recommenced**. For more information, see the Australian Government [website](#) and New Zealand's COVID-19 [website](#).

Community

Small Business Lockdown Assistance

The WA Government recently [announced](#) the Small Business Lockdown Assistance Grants program to provide up to \$3,000 of support to businesses impacted by the recent lockdown and transitional restriction period. Businesses in the Perth, Peel and regional areas may be eligible. Applications open 19 July 2021 at the Small Business Development Corporation [website](#). Commencement of payment is expected by the end of the month.

Read the [media statement](#) or [announcement](#) for further information.

COVID-19 vaccination program

Western Australians are urged to book an appointment for a vaccination as soon as they are eligible, to help protect ourselves, our families and our communities from COVID-19.

New advice from the Australian Government indicates that pregnant women (aged 16 to 39) are now eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine. Pregnant women should register on [VaccinateWA](#), or speak to their GP, and will be contacted when appointments become available.

Residential aged care workers continue to be a priority population, as they are on the frontline of protecting the most vulnerable people in our community. Vaccination will become mandatory for these workers on 17 September 2021.

[Community clinics](#) in WA include Claremont Showgrounds, Joondalup, Kwinana, Redcliffe and Bunbury.

Anyone having difficulties booking on VaccinateWA can call 13 COVID (1326843) for assistance.

Vaccine information and resources

Please visit the sources below for more information and resources related to vaccines:

- Requests for [alternative COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- HealthyWA - [COVID-19 Vaccine](#) (for WA community) including [FAQs](#)
- WA Health - [COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#) (for WA health providers)
- Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) - workplace [information](#) about the COVID-19 vaccine FAQs (general information for businesses and employers)
- The Australian Government - [COVID-19 Vaccines hub](#)
- [Rollup for WA](#) and [Rollup for WA posters](#)

Directions updates

COVID-19 State of Emergency [Declarations](#) and community [advice](#) summarises the latest COVID-19 Directions that are in place in WA. Further information can be found on WA Government [website](#).

New Directions:

[Controlled Border for Western Australia Amendment Directions \(No 33\)](#)

[Outbreak Outside of Western Australia Response Directions \(No 2\)](#)

[Presentation for Testing Directions \(No 28\)](#)

[South Australia Exposure Site Directions](#)

[Victoria Exposure Site Directions](#)

[Tasmanian Presentation for Testing and Isolation Directions](#)

[Northern Territory Quarantine, Isolation and Presentation for Testing Modification Directions](#)

[Wastewater COVID Testing at Laboratories Outside of WA Reporting Directions](#)

[Wastewater COVID Testing at WA Laboratories Reporting Directions](#)

[Vessel Status Directions](#)

Updated fact sheets

[Clinician Alert #62](#)

[Quarantine Driver Directions fact sheet](#)

[Donning and Doffing poster](#)

[Transport Freight and Logistics Directions – FAQs](#)

[Medical assessment for mariners](#)

[Assistance for people in quarantine or isolation](#)

Testing

General population [testing criteria](#)

Any person may be tested if they have any one of the following clinical criteria: fever ($\geq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$) OR history of fever (e.g. night sweats, chills), without a known source **OR** acute respiratory symptoms (e.g. shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, runny nose) **OR** acute loss of smell or taste.

Testing locations

Testing locations are listed on [HealthyWA](#).

Reporting

Notify suspected COVID-19 cases by completing the notification form either [ONLINE](#) or by printing out the notification form.

Series of National Guidelines (SoNG)

The [latest](#) iteration was released on 24 June 2021.

Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC)

The [Australian Health Protection Principal Committee \(AHPPC\)](#) is the key decision-making committee for health emergencies. It is comprised of all state and territory Chief Health Officers and is chaired by the Australian Chief Medical Officer. The AHPPC has an ongoing role to advise the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC) on health protection matters and national priorities. AHPPC is also tasked with the role of mitigating emerging health threats related to infectious diseases, the environment as well as natural and human made disasters. **The AHPPC has released six statements during the last week.**

- [9 July 2021](#) – Statement on public health management of persons fully vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2
- [9 July 2021](#) – Statement on vaccination arrangements for workers in mobile workforce
- [9 July 2021](#) – Statement on National Principles for Infection Prevention and Control in Quarantine

- [9 July 2021](#) - Statement on mandating vaccination among residential disability support workers
- [7 July 2021](#) – Statement on National Principles for Managed Quarantine
- [7 July 2021](#) – Statement on testing travellers once they leave managed quarantine

Business and industry

Resources for more information

- [WA Department of Health](#) and [HealthyWA](#)
- [Department of Health Media Releases](#)
- [Australian Government Health Department](#)
- [Advice for the public \(WHO\)](#)
- [Advice in other languages](#) and [Translated Resources](#)
- [Advice for Aboriginal people](#)
- [Covid Clinic walkthrough](#) – in multiple languages

Who to contact for more information

- COVID-19 Clinic ONLY Test Results Enquiry Line: 1800 313 223 (Note: NOT for GP referred testing or private pathology clinic tests)
- COVID-19 WA Public Information Line: 132 6843 (13 COVID)
- COVID-19 Travel Restrictions Exemption Application: Visit the [G2G PASS](#) website
- COVID-19 WA Police Line: 131 444 To report breaches of: self-quarantine, business activities, border controls and other State of Emergency Directions

Next advice - The PHEOC Bulletin is issued weekly. Next issue: **Tuesday 20 July 2021**.

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