



# PHEOC BULLETIN #86

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## COVID-19 case and vaccination numbers

- **Summary:** as of **Tuesday 2 November**, in Western Australia (WA), there have been:
  - 1,112 confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified
  - **110** historical cases of COVID-19 notified
  - **1,103** people recovered from COVID-19
  - **1,872,208** 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](#).

- [Controlled border arrangements - 21 October 2021](#)
- [Mandatory vaccination of critical workers in WA - 22 October 2021](#)
- [Mandatory vaccination of essential and high-risk workers in WA - 19 October 2021](#)

### Controlled Border arrangement update

Based on the latest public health advice, travellers from low, medium, high and extreme risk jurisdictions will soon be required to be fully vaccinated with a recognised COVID-19 vaccine to enter Western Australia (WA). This will not apply to transport, freight and logistics drivers who should adhere to the vaccination requirements as per the [Transport, Freight and Logistics Directions \(No 6\)](#).

This requirement comes into effect from 12.01am Friday, 5 November 2021 for travellers from medium, high and extreme risk jurisdictions. The new requirement will come into effect for travellers from low risk jurisdictions from 12.01am Monday, 15 November 2021.

People who are not eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine are exempt from this requirement.

People entering the state from the relevant jurisdictions are required to have their [proof of vaccination](#) or exemption as part of the [G2G Pass](#) application.

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

### COVID-19 rapid antigen self-tests

As of 1 November 2021, certain COVID-19 rapid antigen [self-tests](#) have been approved for use by the Therapeutic Goods Administration. In Australia, all testing for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) must be completed in accordance with the Public Health Laboratory Network (PHLN) national guidelines. The [Joint Statement](#) on SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Antigen Tests, by the PHLN and the Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA) advises that rapid antigen testing is not recommended where there is no, or low, community transmission, as is currently the case in WA.

The use of rapid antigen tests is [prohibited](#) in Western Australia as an acute illness diagnostic tool for COVID-19. The Chief Health Officer may approve rapid antigen testing in certain circumstances. There is no intent to amend this position at this time.

## Queensland

Based on the latest public health advice, Queensland [transitioned](#) to a 'very low risk' jurisdiction [at](#) 12:01am, Wednesday 27 October 2021, under WA's [controlled border](#) arrangement.

People who have been in Queensland 14 days before entry to WA [are](#) allowed into the state without the requirement to quarantine, subject to certain conditions.

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

## Jurisdiction risk rating

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

## Community

### Exposure site resource

A new document has been developed to address frequently asked questions from business owners and operators of locations identified as an exposure site. The *Owners and Operators of an Identified Exposure Site* [FAQ](#) is an addition to the suite of documents for business, industry and local government available on the Department of Health [website](#).

The resource addresses topics such as business operator/owner responsibilities, cleaning, closure, and employee testing and quarantine.

The advice provided in this document does not replace any instructions provided directly to the premises owner/operator by Public Health.

## COVID-19 vaccination program

### Super Vax Weekend

A 'Super Vax Weekend' has been [announced](#) to run on the weekend of 6 - 7 November 2021. Vaccines are available at eight Bunnings locations, four pop-up vaccination clinics and 14 State-run vaccination clinics throughout WA. Participating Bunnings stores include Rockingham, Harrisdale, Mindarie, Balcatta, Cannington, Ellenbrook, Geraldton and Busselton. Western Australians can also get vaccinated at vaccination clinics in Coolbellup, Northbridge, Carramar, Armadale, Midland, Kwinana, Joondalup, Perth CBD, Mirrabooka, Geraldton, Morawa, Northam, Albany and Bunbury. Thousands of Diwali festivalgoers will also be able to 'roll up' for WA at an expanded Claremont Showgrounds vaccination clinic with extended hours. For further information on vaccination clinic locations and opening hours visit the HealthyWA [website](#) and the Roll up for WA [website](#).

### Booster doses

Following recent [advice](#) from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI), the State Government [announced](#) on 31 October 2021 that booster vaccines are now being rolled out in WA. Anyone aged 18 and over who is fully vaccinated with a primary course of the COVID-19 vaccines (dose one and two) and has received their second dose at least six months ago, is able to access the booster vaccine from a State-run vaccination clinic, with no appointment. The Spikevax (Moderna) and Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca) vaccines have not been recommended for booster doses at this stage.

Although not preferred, AstraZeneca can be used as a booster in some circumstances - people are encouraged to talk to their GP about this option.

## Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy

On 20 October 2021, the State Government [announced](#) a mandatory vaccination policy for a range of occupations and workforces in WA will be introduced in a phased approach. The policy's phased approach is to apply mandatory vaccinations for more industries in WA, as well as a requirement for other critical workers to be vaccinated to attend work in the event of a lockdown or similar restrictions.

For a full breakdown of each group, see the Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination information [web page](#).

## New vaccination clinics across WA

On 24 October 2021, the State Government [announced](#) a partnership with Wesfarmers to increase vaccinations across WA. Pop-up Bunnings vaccination clinics will each provide up to 250 vaccinations per day, for people to drop in without an appointment.

[Mandurah](#): 5/264 Pinjarra Road, Mandurah. Opening times are 9am to 3pm Monday – Sunday (every day).

[Carramar](#): Carramar Village Shopping Centre, 7 Cheriton Drive, Carramar. Opening times are 9am to 4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 9am to 7pm on Thursday; and 11am to 4pm on Sunday. The vaccination clinic will initially provide around 2,000 vaccinations each week but will increase depending on demand.

Additional vaccination clinics are being planned for Ellenbrook and Canning Vale and are expected to open from early November.

## Community vaccination clinics

All State-run community vaccination clinics are now open for people to attend without an appointment. Some regional vaccination clinics also offer the opportunity to be vaccinated without appointments. Please check the community vaccination clinic list [online](#) for further information and opening times.

There will be numerous regional pop-up clinics available for walk-ins in the coming weeks. Visit the [COVID-19 vaccine](#) webpage for a list of these clinics and their opening times.

Existing [Community vaccination clinics](#) in WA include [Armadale](#), [Mirrabooka](#), Midland, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Claremont Showgrounds, Joondalup, Kwinana, and Bunbury.

The Comirnaty (Pfizer) COVID-19 vaccine is now being rolled out to, and administered by, GPs in WA. Approved pharmacies can also now administer the Spikevax (Moderna) and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines for eligible populations. Participating GPs and pharmacies can be found by using the COVID-19 [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

## 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](#)
- KAMS - [Get vaccinated against COVID-19 TVC Campaign](#)

## 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

[Resources Industry Worker \(Restrictions on Access\) Directions](#)

[Authorisation of Authorised PHEOC Officers](#)

[Controlled Border for Western Australia Amendment Directions \(No 45\)](#)

[Chief Health Officer Approved Form of Evidence of Covid-19 Vaccination for the Purposes of Paragraph 8 of the Health Worker \(Restrictions on Access\) Directions \(No 3\)](#)

[Chief Health Officer Approved Form of Evidence of Covid-19 Vaccination Under Paragraph 7 of the Primary Health Care Worker \(Restrictions on Access\) Directions](#)

[Exposed Port Worker \(Restrictions on Access\) Directions \(No 3\)](#)

[Controlled Border for Western Australia Amendment Directions \(No 44\)](#)

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

[Primary Health Care Worker \(Restrictions on Access\) Directions and supporting documents](#)

[Regulated Entry of Higher Risk Vessels into Western Australia Directions](#)

[Designation by the Chief Health Officer under Regulated Entry of Higher Risk Vessels into Western Australia Directions](#)

[Authorisation by the State Emergency Coordinator](#)

## Updated fact sheets

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Fact Sheet for Travellers from a Medium Risk Jurisdiction](#)

[Fact Sheet for Travellers from a Low Risk Jurisdiction](#)

[Owners and Operators of an Identified Exposure Site \(New\)](#)

[Clinician Alert #69](#)

## 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 8 October 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.

## 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
- [Contact register](#) information
- SafeWA [user guide](#)

### 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 9 November 2021**.

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