



PHEOC BULLETIN #87

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COVID-19 case and vaccination numbers

- **Summary:** as of **Tuesday 9 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
 - **1,892,290** 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 transition arrangements - 4 November 2021](#)
- [Controlled border arrangements - New South Wales - 2 November 2021](#)
- [Controlled border arrangements - 21 October 2021](#)

Public health advice

Public Health advice has been issued for return travellers from the Northern Territory and Queensland as both jurisdictions announced public exposure sites after locally acquired cases for detected. WA Health is monitoring 95 close and casual contacts who have returned to Western Australia.

All persons who have been in at a public exposure site in the [Northern Territory](#) or [Queensland](#) at the relevant time must:

- get tested for COVID-19 within 48 hours and on day 12
- self-quarantine at a suitable premises for 14 days from date of exposure
- wear a mask when transiting to self-quarantine and when presenting for COVID-19 testing.

All other arrivals should present for testing at a [COVID Clinic](#) if symptoms develop and regularly check the relevant exposure site lists, as they may be updated.

Refer to the [announcement](#) and latest [media release](#) for additional information.

WA's Safe Transition Plan

On 5 November 2021, the WA Government announced WA's Safe Transition Plan. The Plan, based on the latest public health advice, outlines the safe conditions for domestic and international travel and introduces public health and social measures required to minimise the impact of COVID-19 in the community.

WA's [controlled border](#) will be eased once a 90 per cent double dose vaccination rate (12 years and older) is reached, which is expected in late January/early February 2022. International and interstate travel from all jurisdictions, with testing and vaccination requirements, will commence post-transition.

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

International arrival cap to increase

The WA Government announced WA is expected double the weekly international arrivals cap on 20 November 2021, when it's expected 70 per cent of the population will be double dose vaccinated. This increase will take the weekly international arrivals cap from 265 to 530 travellers per week.

[International arrivals](#) will still be required to complete 14 days mandatory quarantine in a State-supervised facility (hotel) at their own expense and receive COVID-19 testing.

Refer to the [media release](#) for more information.

WA hospital capacity increase

The WA Government recently announced a \$400 million investment into the health system, aiding WA's preparation for the easing of the controlled border arrangement and COVID-19 transmission in the community. An additional 270 beds will be deployed, and 410 extra nurses and 180 more doctors will be working on hospital wards.

An additional 1,200 graduate nurses are expected to be employed in the public health system in 2022.

Refer to the [media statement](#) for more information.

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 **came** into effect **at** 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.

Jurisdiction risk rating

Victoria is considered 'extreme risk'. New South Wales is considered 'high 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](#).

COVID-19 vaccination program

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.

New vaccination clinics across WA

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.

Canning Vale: Canning Vale Market City, First floor, Block B, Suite 14, 280 Bannister Road, Canning Vale. Opening hours are 9am to 3pm Monday – Sunday (every day).

A new vaccination clinic is planned to open in Ellenbrook next week.

Community vaccination clinics

All State-run community vaccination clinics are now open for people to attend without an appointment. 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, Carramar, Mandurah, Canning Vale, 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

[Chief Health Officer Approved Form of Evidence of COVID-19 Vaccination \(No 3\) 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 \(No 2\) Under Paragraph 8 of the Residential Aged Care Facility Worker Access Directions \(No 4\)](#)

[Chief Health Officer Approved Form of Evidence of Covid-19 Vaccination \(No 3\) Under Paragraph 7 of the WA Police Mission Critical Areas \(Restrictions on Access\) Directions \(No 3\)](#)

[Chief Health Officer Approved Form of Evidence of COVID-19 Vaccination \(no 3\) under Paragraph 7 of the Access to Quarantine Centres Directions \(No 2\)](#)

[Community Care Services Worker \(Restrictions on Access\) Directions](#)

[Controlled Border for Western Australia Amendment Directions \(No 46\)](#)

[Exemption from Airport and Transportation \(Face Mask\) Directions \(RAAF Centenary Open Day – Busselton Margaret River Airport\) \(No 2\)](#)

[Leavers Event Area \(Restrictions on Access\) Directions](#)

[New South Wales Traveller Quarantine Modification Directions](#)

[Outbreak Outside of Western Australia Response Directions \(No 11\)](#)

[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](#)

Updated fact sheets

[Frequently Asked Questions for Maritime Workers Boarding an Exposed Vessel](#)

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

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

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

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 November 2021.

The *Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) CDNA National Guidelines for Public Health Units Version 6.0* reflect the occurrence of community transmission in some jurisdictions and Australia's progress through the [National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response](#). Key changes include additional considerations for jurisdictions with low or no community transmission, an emphasis on automation and prioritisation to maintain public health workforce capacity, and contact management guidelines for vaccinated and unvaccinated persons.

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 16 November 2021**.

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