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COVID-19 case and vaccination numbers

- **Summary:** as of **Wednesday, 1 June** in Western Australia (WA), there have been:
 - **744,179** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **693,089** people recovered from COVID-19
 - **3,873,765** COVID-19 PCR tests conducted
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot](#), [Vaccination dashboard](#) and [WA COVID-19 data update](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status and Australia's vaccine roll-out](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports](#) and [WHO Dashboard](#)

Living with COVID

Chief Health Officer advice

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

PHSMs update

Based on the latest public health advice, the public health and social measures ([PHSMs](#)) have been reviewed, including international arrivals requirements, [mandatory vaccination](#) policy and restrictions to remote Aboriginal communities.

From today, the unvaccinated international arrivals cap is removed, and unvaccinated Australians and permanent residents are no longer required to quarantine on arrival to Western Australia (WA). Commonwealth requirements continue to apply.

From 10 June 2022, workers in the following sectors must be triple-dose vaccinated to enter their workplace:

- healthcare and health support workers in hospitals and primary health care settings
- workers in residential aged care
- workers in residential disability settings.

From 15 June 2022, restrictions to remote Aboriginal communities will be removed, however some communities may choose to still apply their own restrictions.

Additional information is available at wa.gov.au.

Stay healthy this winter

During the cooler months, there's a few things you can do to minimise the impacts of COVID-19 and influenza: wear a mask, stay up-to-date with your COVID-19 and influenza vaccines and keep up healthy hygiene habits.

After 2 years of minimal impact, Western Australia (WA) could experience a potentially severe [influenza](#) season this year.

Influenza is a highly contagious virus that affects the respiratory system and is particularly dangerous for people at higher risk of serious illness, such as young children, older adults and other vulnerable people with underlying health conditions.

[Vaccination](#) is the best protection against serious illness and is recommended for everyone from 6 months of age. Free influenza vaccination is available for Western Australians during June (see [below](#) for more information). You can also help to [prevent](#) the spread of influenza by covering coughs and sneezes, washing your hands regularly, cleaning surfaces and staying home if you are unwell.

Refer to [HealthyWA](#) and the On a Roll [website](#) for additional information.

'Free Jab June' for influenza announced

Free influenza vaccines are available for Western Australians during June, after the WA Government [announced](#) on 29 May 2022 the expansion of subsidised vaccinations as an extra incentive for people to protect themselves and those vulnerable against influenza.

State-run COVID-19 [vaccination clinics](#) offer influenza vaccinations for anyone aged 5 years and older on a 'walk in' basis. Alternatively, people can receive their influenza vaccination at [participating](#) pharmacies and GPs.

Translated COVID resources

WA Health and the WA Government have key COVID-19 messages and advice available in various languages other than English. This includes posters, videos, social media tiles and information sheets.

Visit the [HealthyWA](#) and [WA.gov.au](#) websites for additional information, including how to access an interpreter.

Register your RAT

Everyone who receives a positive rapid antigen test (RAT) result needs to register it on the [HealthyWA portal](#) as soon as possible – preferably on the same day as the test result.

Registering a positive RAT result prompts WA Health to send a SMS with a short survey to determine if you need extra support during isolation. This SMS can be used as evidence of your COVID-19 positive status and cannot be issued retrospectively.

If you return a positive RAT result, no further testing is required, unless instructed by Public Health.

If you require assistance registering your positive RAT result phone 13 COVID (13 268 43). More information, including RAT [FAQs](#), is available at [HealthyWA](#).

WA Free RAT Program

General practitioners (GPs) and all general practice staff are eligible to receive 10 free rapid antigen tests (RATs), available for collection from COVID vaccination clinics in the Perth metropolitan area and at multiple regional sites. No evidence is required to be shown when collecting the RATs.

Refer to the WA Free RAT Program [page](#) on [WA.gov.au](#) for more information.

COVID-19 vaccination program

COVID-19 Vaccination clinics update

Following the recent closure of the Perth Convention and Exhibition and Centre (PCEC) COVID-19 vaccination clinic, resources are being directed into providing the opportunity to bring smaller pop-up clinics into the suburbs closer to where people live.

Shopping centres will once again facilitate pop-up clinics across the Perth metropolitan area and provide more convenient opportunities for people to get vaccinated closer to home.

The first new shopping centre pop up clinics will open on 2 June at Victoria Park Central shopping centre. A second pop up clinic will start on 3 June at Newpark Shopping Centre in Girrawheen.

Planning is underway for additional pop-up clinics at shopping centres in the Perth northern, eastern and southern suburbs.

There is no need to book but, as these new shopping centre clinics will only be open for 4 to 6 weeks, people are encouraged to walk-in as soon as possible.

Aboriginal in-home vaccinations available

North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS) has a mobile team of COVID-19 vaccinators and Aboriginal Liaison Officers available as requested to provide in-home vaccinations for Aboriginal people across the Perth metropolitan area.

This service operates Monday to Friday. To request an in-home vaccination, contact the NMHS Aboriginal COVID Vaccination program via NMHS.COVID19AboriginalVaccination@health.wa.gov.au or phone 9222 8573. The referral form is available [here](#).

Fourth enhanced access and sensory clinic operational

The Claremont vaccination clinic modifications are complete, and the facility now offers enhanced access and sensory capability like the clinics at Midland, Kwinana and Carramar. These clinics support people with disabilities, mental health conditions, those who require a low sensory environment or who may need other additional assistance to receive their vaccination.

Bookings are recommended and further information is available at the Roll up for WA [website](#).

Vaccine information and resources

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

- Australian Government – [Updates to the COVID-19 vaccination program](#) (other languages)
- Australian Government – [It is safe to get the COVID-19 and influenza vaccines at the same time](#) – translated social tiles
- Australian Government – [Get ready for winter](#) – translated poster
- Australian Government – Updated [fact sheet](#) on booster doses and winter doses (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people)
- Australian Government – [Common questions about COVID-19 vaccines](#) (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people)
- Australian Government – [Information](#) to assist healthcare workers talk about COVID-19 vaccines (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people)
- HealthyWA – [COVID-19 vaccine](#) (for WA community), including [FAQs](#)
- HealthyWA – [Influenza and COVID-19](#) vaccines information
- Keeping Culture Safe and Strong Aboriginal - COVID-19 [vaccination resources](#)

Directions updates

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

New Directions

- [COVID Border Transition \(Release from Quarantine and Testing\) Directions](#)
- [COVID Transition \(Consequential Revocations\) Directions \(No 3\)](#)
- [Public Authorities \(Delivery of Goods and Collection of Rubbish and Refuse\) Revocation Directions](#)
- [Regulated Entry of Higher Risk Vessels into Western Australia Revocation Directions](#)

Updated factsheets

- [COVID-19: Information for Tour Operators](#)
- [Where to get Tested for COVID-19 Throughout WA in Regional and Remote Areas – Updated May 2022](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidelines for Management of Diabetes and Hyperglycaemia Version 1.1](#)
- [Clinician Alert #84](#)

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 **OR** an inconclusive rapid antigen test result.

Testing locations

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

Series of National Guidelines (SoNG)

The [latest](#) iteration was released on 22 March 2022.

Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC)

The [AHPPC](#) recently released the following statement:

- [Statement on National Principles for Modified Quarantine](#) – 23 May 2022

Business and industry

Resources for more information

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

- [SafeWA user guide](#)
- [ServiceWA user guide](#)
- [Mandatory vaccination](#) Directions and supporting documents
- Mandatory vaccination general and industry-specific [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Proof of vaccination [Directions](#), [information](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [COVID-19 in the workplace](#) – Information for employers and employees
- [Posters, signage and resources](#) for businesses

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: 13 268 43 (13 COVID)
- COVID-19 WA Police Line: 131 444 to report breaches of quarantine, business activities, border controls and other State of Emergency Directions

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