



## PHEOC BULLETIN #41

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### COVID-19 Case numbers

- As of **22 December 2020**, there have been **846** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified in Western Australia (WA) and **43** historical cases. **827** people have recovered.
- To date a total of **607,678** positive and negative COVID-19 tests have been conducted in WA.
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports](#) & [WHO Dashboard](#)

### Living with COVID

#### NSW travellers

The WA Government has issued a direction for travellers from New South Wales (NSW) who arrived in Perth from 11 December 2020. Full details are available on the WA Government website ([www.wa.gov.au](http://www.wa.gov.au)).

Anyone who has arrived from NSW from 11 December 2020 but before 12.01am Friday 18 December must:

- self-quarantine in suitable premises
- present for a COVID-19 test as soon as possible
- return to self-quarantine until a negative test result is confirmed
- undertake a further test on Day 11 after arrival in WA (with Day 0 being the day of arrival in WA). There is no requirement to isolate while awaiting the results of the Day 11 test.

Anyone who has arrived from NSW from 12.01am Friday 18 December 2020 must:

- self-quarantine in suitable premises for 14 days
- undertake a test for COVID-19 on Day 11 after arrival in WA (with Day 0 being the day of arrival in WA) and return to self-quarantine until the end of the 14 day quarantine period.

#### South Australia to move to 'Very Low Risk' category

From 12.01am Friday 25 December 2020, travel from South Australia (SA) into WA will be classified as 'very low risk', subject to no further outbreaks.

Travellers will be subject to certain conditions including the mandatory completion of a G2G registration and health screening upon arrival.

Anyone entering WA from SA prior to 12.01am Friday 25 December 2020 must undertake and complete their 14-days of self-quarantine.

## CALD resources

WA Health has translated COVID-19 resources (posters and videos) into 21 languages, all of which are available on the HealthyWA website:

[https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A\\_E/Coronavirus/Coronavirus-translated-resources](https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/Coronavirus-translated-resources).

Resources are currently available in: Arabic, Juba Arabic, Dinka, Achol, Korean, Italian, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Thai, Tamil, Swahili, Spanish, Somali, Punjabi, Khmer, Karen, Indonesian, French, Dari, Hazaragi, Burmese, and Farsi.

There is also a range of [English resources](#), including new [campaign materials](#).

## Festive season resource

A flyer has been developed to highlight how to have a [Covid safe festive season](#). The messages contained in the flyer can be applied to numerous scenarios occurring over the next few weeks. Resources are also being developed for Chinese New Year and Vietnamese Tet which will include translated versions.

## Public transport

The Department of Health has developed two information sheets which provide simple guidance to drivers and passengers of taxis and rideshare vehicles.

- [Information for taxi and rideshare drivers](#)
- [Stay COVID-safe on your ride - for taxi and ride-share passengers](#)

## Compliance with contact registers update

WAPOL are undertaking a final review of the *Non-Compliance Notice and Referral Form* ready for circulation to local governments this week.

## Community

Over the next few weeks, Covid safety messaging relating to contact registers will be broadcast over Aboriginal radio networks. The messages are spoken in Kriol, Martu, Ngaanyatjarra and plain English. The script is simple –

‘There’s a new corona rule to keep everyone safe. When you go to some places, you need to give your name and a phone number. This is for everyone over 16. Health mob will ring you if someone with corona has been in the same place as you. This is for places like: pub or eating place, sports place, pool, church, art or culture centre, community hall. Remember the phone number for when you go out.’

Copies of the audio recordings can be obtained from [PHEOC@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:PHEOC@health.wa.gov.au).

## 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](#) and the [Directions FAQs](#).

## 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** an acute respiratory infection (e.g. shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, runny nose) **OR** acute loss of smell or taste.

## Testing locations

Testing locations are listed on [Healthy WA](#).

## 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 10 December 2020.

## Business and Industry

### Resources for more information

- Latest [Australian Health Protection Principal Committee \(AHPPC\) News](#)
- [WA Department of Health; 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 or complete the [exemption application form](#)
- COVID-19 WA Police Line: [131 444](#) To report breaches of: self-isolation, business closures, border controls and other State of Emergency Directions.

**Next advice** - The PHEOC Bulletin is issued weekly. Next issue: **Tuesday 29 December 2020**.

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