



Clinician alert #42 – all clinicians

Effective from 8 January 2021

New information

- As of 12:01am on 9 January 2021, Queensland (QLD) is deemed a medium risk state.
- Masks are now compulsory at airports and on all flights within WA.

Information for Queensland arrivals

Date of arrival into WA	Testing requirement		Travellers permitted	Quarantine requirement
	On arrival	Day 11 test		
2 January – 7 January	Must present for testing by 12:01am Tuesday 12 January	Yes	All travellers	14 days quarantine
8 January	Yes – on arrival, or within 48 hours	Yes	All travellers	14 days quarantine
From 9 January	Yes – on arrival, or within 48 hours	Yes	Exempt travellers	14 days quarantine

- They can leave WA before the end of their 14-day self-quarantine period, and before their testing requirement, but they cannot leave quarantine if they are awaiting a test result.
- People presenting for testing should anticipate delays and take precautions if it is a hot day.
- COVID-19 tests can be undertaken at COVID clinics as well as some private pathology collection centres. Some centres require bookings, as outlined on the.

Refer to the [COVID-19 Queensland Travellers Fact sheet](#) and the [Controlled Border FAQs](#).

Information for healthcare workers (HCWs)

Advice for people (including HCWs) who have **not** been to QLD but who have been in contact with people who have arrived from QLD since 2 January 2021:

- Unless the QLD arrivals are identified as close contacts of a case, people who have a QLD arrival in self-quarantine staying at their residence can go about their normal routine including going to work (this includes HCWs).
- Asymptomatic COVID-19 testing is not required for people in WA who have been in contact with QLD arrivals. This includes HCWs who have a QLD arrival in self-quarantine at their home residence or HCWs who have been in contact with patients who have been in QLD.
- QLD arrivals should check the [QLD Health website](#) regularly for information about possible exposure to confirmed cases on the relevant dates. If they have been to any of those locations then they should contact PHEOC on 1300 316 555 (8am-5pm, 7 days a week) or 13 268 43 out of hours for further advice.
- If a QLD arrival develops symptoms of COVID-19 whilst in quarantine, then any household residents who are not already in quarantine (including HCWs) should quarantine until COVID-19 test results of the QLD arrival are known.

Refer to the [Testing Criteria for SARS-CoV-2 in Western Australia](#).

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