



# Clinician alert #46 – all clinicians

Effective from 14 February 2021

## New information

- Victoria is now deemed a medium risk state.
- Masks are no longer required for general use in the Perth and Peel regions.
- Refer to [www.wa.gov.au](http://www.wa.gov.au) for further information.

## Information for travellers from Victoria

- From 6pm on 12 February 2021, only exempt travellers from Victoria are permitted to enter WA. Victoria arrivals will be tested on arrival or within 48 hours, and on day 11, and will need to complete 14 days of self-quarantine.
- Victoria arrivals 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.

## Triaging patients presenting to health services

All health services should continue to assess people's COVID-19 risk on presentation, and clinicians are reminded to stay alert for potential COVID-19 infection especially in those who work in a high-risk setting (e.g. border workers, quarantine centre workers).

## SARS-CoV-2 testing

Testing is recommended for anyone with COVID-19 symptoms, however mild.

It is recommended that patients who present to an emergency department and are subsequently found to meet testing criteria, are tested regardless of whether they are subsequently admitted or discharged.

Testing is still available at the usual COVID Clinic locations available on [HealthyWA](http://HealthyWA).

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

## Reporting

Notify suspect COVID-19 cases by completing the notification form either [online](#) or by printing out the [notification form](#). Notifying by phone is not necessary.

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