



Government of Western Australia Department of Health

Clinician alert #51 – all clinicians

Effective from 29 March 2021

New information

Western Australia will introduce a hard border with Queensland following the evolving COVID-19 situation and outbreak. Updates on this situation can be found <u>here</u>.

Information for travellers from Queensland

People who arrived to Western Australia from Queensland and New South Wales and have visited any of the affected <u>Queensland exposure sites</u> and/or <u>New South Wales exposure sites</u> at the relevant dates and times:

- must present for testing immediately for COVID-19, AND
- quarantine in suitable premises for 14 days from the date of attendance at the high-risk location, AND
- present for COVID-19 testing on Day 11.

Arrivals in Western Australia from Queensland since 27 March 2021:

- must quarantine in suitable premises for 14 days, AND
- present for a COVID-19 test if any symptoms develop during quarantine, AND
- present for COVID-19 testing on Day 11.

From 12.01am, 30 March 2021, travellers from Queensland into WA will no longer be permitted unless they are an exempt traveller.

Exempt travellers arriving into WA:

- must present for testing on arrival at Perth airport, AND
- quarantine in suitable premises for 14 days, AND
- present for a COVID-19 test if any symptoms develop during quarantine, AND
- present for COVID-19 testing on Day 11 after arrival in WA (if still in WA).

Travelers 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 waiting for a test result.

Anyone who has come into contact with travelers from Queensland, do not have to selfquarantine and get tested unless they have symptoms of COVID-19.

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).

Testing

Testing is available at the usual COVID Clinic locations available on Healthy WA.

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