



PHEOC BULLETIN

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COVID-19 case numbers

- As of **23 June 2020**, there have been **607** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified in Western Australia (WA). **594** people have recovered.
- To date **164,147** COVID-19 tests have been conducted in WA.
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports](#)

Living with COVID

COVIDSafe App

The Australian Government's COVIDSafe app is voluntary. Approximately 6.5 million people in Australia have downloaded the app, and according to the federal health minister, Greg Hunt, that meets the government's target of 40% of the population as he defined it – being 40% of the Australian population with smartphones. For further information and to get the app see [COVIDSafe App](#).

Latest updates

WA ready for the next phase of the COVID-19 roadmap

WA's COVID-19 restrictions will be relaxed even further, as WA's roadmap is updated to complete the removal of all restrictions. Due to the world-leading response to COVID in WA, Phase 4 will start on Saturday, 27 June.

Further details of PHASE 4 can be found on [WA Government website](#).

Next phases

Phase 5 is planned to be introduced on Saturday, 18 July and will result in the removal of the 2sqm rule. It is also expected to see the removal of all gathering restrictions, other COVID-related rules introduced by the State Government and the 50 per cent capacity limit for major venues.

Phase 6 was going to include the removal of WA's hard border with the rest of the country and travel restrictions currently in place for remote Aboriginal communities. This date was put on hold due to the rapidly evolving situation in Victoria.

Community

Restrictions lifted on public school boarding facilities and school camps

From Thursday 18 June, restrictions on the number of students who can occupy dormitory-style accommodation at public school residential boarding facilities and school camps [have been lifted](#).

School camps can fill their dormitories but must continue to comply with the limit of 100 people, as part of the State's Phase 3 guidelines developed by the WA Chief Health Officer.

DETECT Snapshot Picture of wellness

The DETECT Snapshot program, a two-week COVID-19 testing blitz, was a coordinated effort by public and private pathology providers PathWest, Australian Clinical Labs, Clinipath, and Western Diagnostic Pathology. Testing was offered at more than 100 clinics, drive-through facilities, and pop-up clinics across the State, and on-site testing was facilitated at nearly 200 businesses.

HBF's contribution of \$2.5 million covered the full costs of DETECT Snapshot and will provide investment in other COVID-19 related research and innovation projects.

More than 18,500 adults were tested for COVID-19 in the DETECT Snapshot program with no positive cases.

Lotterywest relief fund supports WA Community

The State Government has delivered almost \$6 million to support 70 not-for-profit community groups and local government authorities through the [Lotterywest COVID-19 Relief Fund](#). The Fund supports vulnerable Western Australians and those experiencing hardship during this unprecedented time.

DETECT schools' program

The school research project forms part of the [DETECT program](#). The study tests for COVID-19 among school students and staff without symptoms. The study will provide a greater certainty around possible transmission of the disease in schools and the psychosocial impacts of the virus. View the complete list of participating schools [here](#).

To date 2,024 tests have been performed on school staff and students with no positive cases.

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](#).

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).

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.

Testing of asymptomatic patients

The purpose of the [Testing Directions](#) is to prohibit a person from requesting or conducting testing for COVID-19 except in accordance with these directions. Testing asymptomatic patients is permitted in several settings, approval for each of these scenarios can be found [here](#). Asymptomatic

testing should not be performed for return to work purposes or fit for work purposes, unless requested or approved by Public Health.

Series of National Guidelines (SoNG)

The latest iteration released on 23 June 2020 includes an update to enhanced testing criteria and definition of COVID-19 death.

Resources for more information

- Series of National Guidelines, [SoNG](#)
- Latest [Australian Health Protection Principal Committee \(AHPPC\) News](#)
- [WA Department of Health](#)
- [HealthyWA](#)
- [Australian Government Health Department](#)
- [Advice for the public \(WHO\)](#)

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. The next issue will be **Tuesday 30 June 2020**.

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