



# PHEOC BULLETIN #31

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## COVID-19 case numbers

- As of **13 October 2020**, there have been **703** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified in Western Australia (WA) and **36 historical cases**. **676** people have recovered.
- To date **449,527** COVID-19 tests have been conducted in WA.
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports](#) & [WHO Dashboard](#)

## Living with COVID

### Message of the week – Don't become complacent

The Western Australian community has worked extremely hard to be living with no local COVID-19 transmission.

Every Western Australian needs to play their part to help prevent a second wave of COVID-19. This means following good hygiene habits and physical distancing.

- If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work, don't go to school, don't go out ([except to get tested](#)), and don't have visitors.
- If you have symptoms, no matter how mild, **PLEASE** get [tested](#).
- Keep 1.5 metres away from others wherever possible.
- Don't make unnecessary physical contact with others. Avoid physical greetings, such as handshakes, hugs and kisses.
- Use tap and pay instead of cash.
- [Wash your hands regularly](#) for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or an alcohol-based sanitiser.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. Use a flexed elbow or a tissue; if you use a tissue, dispose of it immediately and appropriately.

### Update - Vega Dream vessel

The Vega Dream vessel (a bulk iron ore carrier) is currently anchored 22 nautical miles off the coast of Port Hedland. One crew member tested positive for COVID-19 on Saturday and will be transferred to a State quarantine hotel in Perth. A further six crew members tested positive on Monday 12 October but are all well and are isolating on board the vessel. A decision on when the ship can sail will be made in conjunction with the shipping agent, Pilbara Port Authority, Australian Maritime Safety Authority and Border Force - based on public health advice.

### Update - Patricia Oldendorff vessel

The Patricia Oldendorff vessel outbreak was declared over on 10 October 2020. The vessel left the same day with 18 of their 21 crew on board who were cleared to travel.

Three remaining crew who are not yet cleared were transferred to Perth and are in a State-run quarantine hotel. Once they clear their isolation requirements in Perth, their ongoing journey will be managed by the shipping agent in agreement with each individual and their employer.

## Phase 5 date postponed

The tentative date for Phase 5 has been postponed until Saturday, 24 October. See the [WA Roadmap](#)

## Victoria and NSW update

VICTORIA - Latest updates can be viewed [HERE](#).

NSW - Latest updates can be viewed [HERE](#).

## Community

### Changes to entry from Victoria and New South Wales

From Monday 5 October, people entering WA from Victoria may be able to self-quarantine for 14 days at suitable premises, as assessed by WA Police as part of the G2G exemption application process. People entering from New South Wales will move to the same entry conditions that apply to other states and territories (excluding Victoria). The G2G NOW app will assist police with self-quarantine compliance. Use of the app is voluntary. Users will be instructed to take a selfie to verify their identity and location.

### Presentation for testing Directions (NO 6)

People who have entered WA (other than transport, freight and logistics workers) are required to present for testing in accordance with the Presentation for Testing Directions No 6:

- people who have been in Victoria in the 14 days prior to arrival in WA must present for testing for COVID-19 within 48 hours of arrival
- all people who enter WA are required to present for testing on day 11 after their arrival in WA, unless they receive a Centre Direction or are a freight worker arriving by road or rail or are a person who entered WA from a rig or platform under the Approval for Rig or Platform Crew (no 2) and are not a person requiring quarantine
- day 11 testing can only occur at WA government COVID clinics (see below)
- testing for this purpose cannot be carried out at private collection centres or GP respiratory clinics.

See our [factsheet on the Presentation for Testing Directions](#).

## 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 9 October 2020.

## Business and industry

See latest updates about how the Western Australian Government is supporting business and industry [economic recovery](#) through COVID-19.

## Resources for more information

- Latest [Australian Health Protection Principal Committee \(AHPPC\) News](#)
- [WA Department of Health; HealthyWA](#)
- [Australian Government Health Department](#)
- [Advice for the public \(WHO\)](#)
- [Advice in other languages](#)
- [Advice for Aboriginal people](#)

## 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 20 October 2020**.

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