



PHEOC BULLETIN #56

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COVID-19 case numbers

- As of **Wednesday 7 April**, there have been **951** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified in Western Australia (WA) and **62** historical cases. **924** people have recovered.
- To date a total of **957,490** COVID-19 tests have been conducted in WA.
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports](#) & [WHO Dashboard](#)

Living with COVID

WA Health advice for Queensland and New South Wales travellers

Anyone who has arrived in WA from Queensland and New South Wales who has visited any of the affected [Queensland exposure sites](#) and/or [New South Wales exposure sites](#), during the relevant times, must immediately go into self-quarantine for 14 days commencing from the date that they were last in the relevant location and present for testing within 48 hours.

Queensland transitioned from **'very low risk'** to **'low risk'** at 12.01am Saturday, **27 March**, from **'low risk'** to **'medium risk'** at 12.01am Tuesday, **30 March** and from **'medium risk'** to **'low risk'** at 12.01am Wednesday, **7 April**.

Travellers from 'low risk' jurisdictions are permitted to enter WA without an exemption but subject to strict conditions including COVID-19 testing and self-quarantine. For more information, see the [announcement](#).

WA's Chief Health Officer will continue to monitor and review border controls to determine if any further adjustments can be made in the future.

State-by-state risk rating

All jurisdictions except Queensland are considered 'very low risk' and arrivals from these jurisdictions are permitted to enter WA without COVID-19 testing or self-quarantine requirements.

They are still required to complete a G2G PASS declaration and undergo a health screening upon arrival into WA.

For more information, see the WA Government's controlled interstate border [webpage](#).

COVID-19 vaccination program

The Department of Health's COVID-19 vaccination program has reached a major milestone, with **50,000 Western Australians** now having received at least their first dose of this safe and effective vaccine, protecting their families, friends and communities from the virus.

There will be an opportunity for all Western Australians to be vaccinated but right now the program is focussed on vaccinating workers who are at highest risk of contracting COVID-19. These staff have been invited, via their employers, to book in for a COVID-19 vaccination. This week, two new vaccination clinics will be opening at Perth Airport and Claremont Showgrounds to provide more opportunities for eligible people to be vaccinated.

For the most up-to date information on the COVID-19 vaccination program, please visit the trusted sources below:

- **HealthyWA** - [COVID-19 vaccine](#) (for consumers) including [new FAQs](#) for the WA community about the COVID-19 vaccination program.
- **WA Health** - [COVID-19 vaccination program](#) (for health professionals) including targeted information for WA health providers and how to [subscribe](#) to the WA COVID-19 Vaccine Update. health.wa.gov.au
- **Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC)** - [workplace information](#) about the COVID-19 vaccine FAQs (general information for businesses and employees)
- **The Australian Government** - [COVID-19 vaccines hub](#) including the latest news and information about the development, approval process and rollout plans for the COVID-19 vaccines.

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](#).

New Directions:

[Controlled Border for Western Australia Amendment Directions \(No. 20\)](#)

[Presentation for Testing Directions \(No. 21\)](#)

[Specification \(No. 3\) under the Queensland Limited Self-Quarantine and Presentation for Testing Directions \(No. 2\)](#)

[New South Wales and Queensland Limited Self-Quarantine and Presentation for Testing Revocation Directions](#)

[Queensland Outbreak Response \(No. 3\) Revocation Directions](#)

[Presentation for Testing \(Quarantine Centre Workers\) Directions \(No. 7\)](#)

[Queensland Limited Self-Quarantine and Presentation for Testing Directions \(No. 2\)](#)

[New South Wales Limited Self-Quarantine and Presentation for Testing Directions \(No. 2\)](#)

[Queensland Outbreak Recently Arrived Travellers Self-Quarantine and Presentation for Testing Directions \(No 2\)](#)

Updated fact sheets

[Clinician Alert #53](#)

[Clinician Alert #52](#)

[Clinician Alert #51](#)

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 4 March 2021.

Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC)

The [Australian Health Protection Principal Committee \(AHPPC\)](#) is the key decision-making committee for health emergencies. It is comprised of all state and territory Chief Health Officers and is chaired by the Australian Chief Medical Officer.

The AHPPC has an ongoing role to advise the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC) on health protection matters and national priorities. AHPPC is also tasked with the role of mitigating emerging health threats related to infectious diseases, the environment as well as natural and human made disasters. The latest statement from AHPPC statement is:

- [3 February 2021](#) – Updated statement on minimising the potential risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools

Business and industry

Resources for more information

- Latest [Australian Health Protection Principal Committee \(AHPPC\) News](#)
- [WA Department of Health; HealthyWA](#)
- [Department of Health Media Releases](#)
- [Australian Government Health Department](#)
- [Advice for the public \(WHO\)](#)
- [Advice in other languages](#) and [Translated Resources](#)
- [Advice for Aboriginal people](#)
- [Covid Clinic walkthrough](#) – in multiple languages

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-quarantine, business activities, border controls and other State of Emergency Directions.

Next advice - The PHEOC Bulletin is issued weekly. Next issue: **Tuesday 13 April 2021**.

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