



PHEOC BULLETIN #58

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COVID-19 case and vaccination numbers

- **Summary:** as of **Tuesday 20 April**, in Western Australia (WA), there have been:
 - **978** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **67** historical cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **942** people recover from COVID-19
 - **991,554** COVID-19 tests conducted
 - **78,215 total vaccine doses administered including 17,331 people who have received both doses and are now fully vaccinated**
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot & COVID-19 updates](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports & WHO Dashboard](#)

Living with COVID

Chief Health Officer Advice

WA [Chief Health Officer's advice](#) to the WA Government outlines the latest expert health advice on COVID-19. The latest advice from the Chief Health Officer is:

- [8 April 2021](#) - **Easing of controlled border controls in Western Australia - New Zealand**

Adjustment to controlled border criteria

The Chief Health Officer provided advice to the Western Australian Government following the completion of a controlled border classification review. The review took into consideration analysis of outbreaks and periods of community transmission, as well as the successful use of border controls and requirement for people having to complete 14 days of self-quarantine from the day they leave a higher-risk location.

New advice now changes the requirements to move a 'low risk' jurisdiction to a 'very low risk' jurisdiction from at least 28 days to at least 14 days of no community cases of COVID-19. The announcement is available [here](#).

WA Health advice for **Queensland and New Zealand** travellers

Effective from 12.01am, Monday, 19 April, travellers from [Queensland](#) and [New Zealand](#) are permitted to enter WA without having to self-quarantine, but subject to strict conditions. Important information to help travellers plan a trip between New Zealand and WA is available [here](#).

Jurisdiction risk rating

All jurisdictions, **including New Zealand**, 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](#).

Independent review strengthens hotel quarantine regime

Findings of an independent review into WA's hotel quarantine arrangements have been handed to the Western Australian Government and endorsed by the State Disaster Council.

A year into the pandemic, and with hotel quarantine likely to be needed for some time, the review makes 16 recommendations to strengthen and improve hotel quarantine arrangements in WA now, and into the future. The Media Statement is available [here](#) and the full report is available [here](#).

Venue capacity update

Since 12.01am Saturday, 10 April 2021, certain indoor and outdoor venues with fixed seating can operate at 100 per cent capacity. This allows more people into venues to enjoy seated entertainment and sporting events, connect with members of their community, and further support local businesses and jobs.

WA's major venues such as Optus Stadium, RAC Arena, HBF Stadium – Main Arena, HBF Park will be able to have 100 per cent of the fixed seating capacity in the spectator seating and special seating spaces. Places of worship will be able to have 100 per cent of capacity of a space being used for formal worship. Seated hospitality venues, including restaurants, cafés, food courts and bars that provide seated service only, remain at 75 per cent capacity. The 2 square metre rule continues to apply to all other venues and facilities with a mixture of seating and standing, unfixed seating or standing alone. SafeWA and contact registers remain mandatory.

For more information, see the [announcement](#).

ANZAC Day 2021

After last year's ANZAC Day in lockdown, ANZAC Day commemorations, including the Dawn Service at the State War Memorial in Kings Park, will return this year.

As with all public events, physical distancing of at least 1.5 metres where possible, as well as good hand and cough hygiene, should be adhered to. People are also reminded to stay home from events if they are feeling unwell and get tested for COVID-19.

For more information, see the [announcement](#) or visit the [RSLWA website](#).

COVID-19 vaccination program

COVID-19 vaccinations will be mandatory in the hotel quarantine system by Monday, 10 May 2021 to help protect WA from an outbreak. Any hotel quarantine worker who has not been vaccinated from this date will be prevented from entering quarantine facilities. This includes security personnel, cleaners and hotel staff who have contact with guests and guest's rooms, medical and health staff, ADF personnel and WA Police who work within the hotel quarantine system. A new Public Health Order mandating this requirement is expected to be in place by Tuesday, 27 April 2021. The two-week period between the finalisation of the Public Health Order on 27 April 2021 and the mandatory vaccination date of 10 May 2021 provides enough time for hotel quarantine workers to get vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine, which has been available to them since February 2021. Hotel quarantine workers are in the highest risk category for COVID-19, given their ongoing exposure to international arrivals, with more than 2,000 international arrivals in hotel quarantine on any given day. For more information, see the [Media Statement](#).

Everyone will have the opportunity to get vaccinated. The Department of Health will keep you updated about changes to the COVID Vaccination Program as information becomes available.

Please visit the trusted sources below for more information:

- **HealthyWA** - [COVID-19 Vaccine](#) (for WA community) including [FAQs](#)
- **WA Health** - [COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#) (for WA health providers)
- **Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC)** - [workplace information about the COVID-19 vaccine FAQs](#) (general information for businesses and employers)
- **The Australian Government** - [COVID-19 Vaccines hub](#)

SafeWA

As restrictions are gradually lifted, mandatory contact registers remain a valuable risk mitigation measure to assist the WA Department of Health with contact tracing should it be required. Useful tips for businesses on how to implement and maintain contact registers is available [here](#).

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 \(No.22\)](#)

[Presentation for Testing Directions \(No.22\)](#)

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

[Revocation Directions \(No. 2\)](#)

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

[Queensland and New Zealand Quarantine, Isolation and Presentation for Testing Modification Directions](#)

[Flight Crew Directions \(No.5\)](#)

[Gathering and Activities Directions \(No.2\)](#)

[Gathering and Activities \(Optus Stadium\) Directions \(No.2\)](#)

[Gathering and Activities \(HBF Park\) Directions \(No.2\)](#)

[Gathering and Activities \(HBF Stadium\) Directions \(No.2\)](#)

[Gathering and Activities \(RAC Arena\) Directions \(No.2\)](#)

[Presentation for Testing \(Airport Workers - International Arrivals\) Directions \(No. 4\)](#)

Updated fact sheets

[Clinician Alert #55](#)

[Clinician Alert #54](#)

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** acute respiratory symptoms (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:

- [14 April 2021 - Statement on continuous learning in managed quarantine for international arrivals](#)

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 27 April 2021](#).

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