



PHEOC BULLETIN #59

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COVID-19 case and vaccination numbers

- **Summary:** as of **Tuesday 27 April**, in Western Australia (WA), there have been:
 - **990** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **77** historical cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **953** people recover from COVID-19
 - **1,041,740** COVID-19 tests conducted
 - **89,671** total vaccine doses administered including **21,159** 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

The [latest advice](#) from the Chief Health Officer is:

- [26 April 2021](#) – **Relaxation of restrictions**
- [16 April 2021](#) – **Ventilation review of quarantine hotels**
- [8 April 2021](#) – **Easing of controlled border controls in Western Australia - New Zealand**

Public exposure sites

It is imperative that everyone follows public health instructions and is not complacent.

Locations visited by confirmed COVID-19 cases are listed and regularly updated on the [HealthyWA](#) website.

People who have attended a site listed as requiring 14-days quarantine, must get tested and complete the full 14-days self-quarantine – regardless of their result.

People who have attended one of the other listed locations must get tested and remain at home until they receive a negative result.

People who have not visited one of the locations, but have symptoms, should get tested and self-isolate until they get a result.

There are currently more than 30 testing locations in the Perth and Peel region. All sites and opening hours are listed on the [HealthyWA](#) website.

Post-lockdown transition

A post-lockdown transition is in effect until 12.01am, Saturday 1 May, following a three-day lockdown implemented at 12:01 am Saturday 24 April 2021, for the Perth and Peel regions.

Weddings and funerals can proceed with up to 100 guests, but [require an exemption](#). Important information on funeral services during the transition period is available [here](#).

For more information on the transition from lockdown, see the [announcement](#) and information on what you [can and cannot do](#).

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](#).

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. 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

Western Australians can assist the Department of Health's contact tracing team by using SafeWA or filling in the contact register at required premises and venues.

Contact tracers can then easily identify those who have been at an exposure site. This saves time in the fight against COVID-19 and minimises the risk for the community, ensuring close contacts are identified and contacted quickly.

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:

[Safe transition for Western Australia Directions \(No 2\)](#)

[Face Covering Directions \(No 2\)](#)

[Presentation for Testing Directions \(No 23\)](#)

[Stay at Home and Closure \(Perth, Peel and Rottnest\) Directions](#)
[Stay at Home \(Recent Travel\) Directions](#)
[Visitors to Residential Aged Care Facilities \(Stay at Home and Closure \(Perth, Peel and Rottnest\)\) Directions \(No 2\)](#)
[Controlled Border for Western Australia Amendment 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 \(No 5\)](#)

Updated fact sheets

[Clinician Alert #56](#)
[Clinician Alert #55](#)
[Testing Criteria for SARS-CoV-2 in WA #29](#)
[Infection prevention and control advice for environmental cleaning in non-healthcare settings \(home and workplace\)](#)

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 4 May 2021**.

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