



PHEOC BULLETIN #60

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COVID-19 case and vaccination numbers

- **Summary:** as of **Tuesday 4 May**, in Western Australia (WA), there have been:
 - **1008** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **80** historical cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **973** people recover from COVID-19
 - **1,084,717** COVID-19 tests conducted
 - **102,554** total vaccine doses administered including **24,048** 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 available [here](#).

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. New locations may be added, and dates and times may change, as more detailed information becomes available. It is important to check back often for any updates.

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.

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.

Anyone who accepted a delivery from Uber Eats or Menulog between 29 April and 1 May or visited a restaurant in the [list](#) of sites (food and business) during the times indicated should monitor for COVID symptoms. While the risk is deemed to be low, these venues were briefly visited by persons who have since tested positive for COVID-19. Anyone who develops symptoms within 14 days is advised to get a COVID test and isolate until they get the results. As always, anyone who develops symptoms (even if they haven't been to a listed location) should get tested and remain at home until they receive a negative result.

Restrictions eased for Perth and Peel

Perth and Peel have transitioned out of lockdown, but some restrictions remain until 12.01am, Saturday 8 May, including the wearing of masks when you leave your home (some [exemptions](#) apply).

People who have been in Perth since 17 April must continue to wear a mask as required for 14 days after the last time they were in the affected area or until the mask requirement is rescinded, whichever is the soonest.

Make sure you keep up to date on [what you can and can't do](#).

COVID-19 vaccination program

'Roll up for WA' - COVID-19 vaccination campaign launch

The [Roll up for WA](#) campaign commenced last week with the [Premier](#) encouraging Western Australians to roll up their sleeves and receive their COVID-19 vaccinations. The expanded roll out of COVID-19 vaccinations means if you are 50 years and over, you can **call 13COVID (13 26843) to book your appointment** at a COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

Community vaccination clinics are currently located at the Claremont Showgrounds, near Perth Airport at 2 George Wiencke Drive, and in Kwinana, and are all open 7 days per week, 8.30am – 3.30pm. People in **regional WA** will receive access to vaccines locally and are encouraged to check with their local General Practice (GP) *before* calling to book on 13COVID. Anyone from regional WA who plans to travel to Perth and is eligible for vaccination due to their work or age can make a vaccination appointment, bearing in mind the need to return to the metropolitan area within the recommended timeframe for the second dose. Eligible people are also able to access COVID-19 vaccinations through participating GP, GP Respiratory Clinics or Aboriginal Medical Services (AMS).

For Pfizer vaccine, vaccinations should be 3-6 weeks apart. For AstraZeneca, vaccinations should be 10-12 weeks apart. Visit the [COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Checker](#) to check on availability in your location.

ATAGI Update

Following their weekly meeting on 28 April 2021, the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) have provided [a statement](#) linking to updated documents and advising that there is no update to the [ATAGI statement](#) from 23 April 2021 in relation to the use of the AstraZeneca vaccine.

Mandatory COVID vaccination of hotel quarantine workers

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.

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](#)
- **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 \(No 3\)](#)

[Face Covering Directions \(No 4\)](#)

[Visitors to Residential Aged Care Facilities \(Stay at Home and Closure \(Perth, Peel and Rottne\)\) Directions \(No 3\)](#)

Updated fact sheets

[Clinician Alert #57](#)

[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 11 May 2021**.

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