



PHEOC BULLETIN #68

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COVID-19 case and vaccination numbers

- **Summary:** as of **Tuesday 29 June**, in Western Australia (WA), there have been:
 - **1,024** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **96** historical cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **1,010** people recover from COVID-19
 - **1,307,429** COVID-19 tests conducted
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot & Vaccination dashboard](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status & Australia's vaccine roll-out](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports & WHO Dashboard](#)

Living with COVID

Chief Health Officer advice

The latest advice from the Chief Health Officer is available [here](#).

- [29 June 2021](#) – **Implementation of restrictions**
- [27 June 2021](#) – **Implementation of restrictions**
- [23 June 2021](#) – **Controlled border controls New South Wales**

4-day lockdown introduced for Perth and Peel

Perth and Peel entered a minimum 4-day lockdown at 12.01am, Tuesday 29 June 2021. Anyone who has been to one of the [exposure locations](#) will need to get tested and quarantine as per the instructions they are given.

Travel from Perth and Peel to other regions is not be permitted, unless for essential purposes.

People are required to stay home unless they need to:

- work because it's not possible to work from home. Refer to the list of [essential workers](#)
- shop for essentials like groceries, medicine and necessary supplies, including click and collect, within 5km from your home or closest practicable location
- attend to medical or health care needs including emergencies, compassionate requirements and looking after the vulnerable
- exercise with a maximum of two adults from the same household (children under 18 years are not counted), limited to one hour per day within a 5km radius from home, and masks must be worn, except for vigorous exercise outside
- receive a COVID-19 vaccine, or
- leave due to an emergency (e.g. emergencies, fleeing domestic violence).

Except for primary school students and those who are exempt, mask-wearing is mandatory while indoors (except in your own home), outdoor public areas (except for vigorous exercise) and on public transport. Anyone who has travelled outside of the Perth and Peel regions since Sunday, 27 June must continue to wear face masks, as per the existing directions.

Private indoor and outdoor gatherings are not permitted. Only [essential providers](#) may open.

Schools, boarding schools and childcare centres are open with mask-wearing mandatory except for primary school students. Universities, TAFE and training colleges are closed unless for critical activities.

Five people permitted at weddings, 10 people permitted at funerals.

Visits to residential aged care and/or disability facilities are limited to one care and support visit per resident per day, or visits for exceptional circumstances such as essential care, compassionate reasons, end of life and advocacy.

No visitors to hospitals except for compassionate reasons, end of life, accompanying a child, supporting a partner giving birth.

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

WA introduces hard border with Queensland

Following updated advice from the WA Chief Health Officer, QLD transitioned from 'low risk' to 'medium risk' under [WA's controlled border](#), effective from 3.00pm, Tuesday 29 June.

Travel from QLD will no longer be permitted, except for exempt travellers.

This also applies to anyone who may have been in Queensland since Sunday 20 June and has not subsequently been in a 'very low risk' State or Territory for 14 days.

Recent arrivals into Western Australia are asked to continue to monitor the Queensland COVID-19 [exposure sites](#).

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

WA strengthens border with Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory

Following updated advice from the WA Chief Health Officer, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory transitioned from 'very low risk' to 'low risk' at 6:00pm, Sunday 27 June 2021.

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

WA introduces hard border with New South Wales

Following updated advice from the WA Chief Health Officer, NSW transitioned from a 'very low risk' to 'medium risk', effective from 11.00am, Wednesday 23 June. Travel from NSW is no longer permitted, except for exempt travellers.

This also applies to anyone who may have been in NSW and has not subsequently been in a 'very low risk' state or territory for 14 days, including travellers who have been in NSW since 12.01am Friday June 11, 2021 who arrive after the hard border has been introduced.

Anyone who has recently arrived from NSW prior to the hard border should continue to comply with their existing Directions provided to them upon entry to the State. That is anyone who has recently arrived from NSW, prior to the hard border being reintroduced and has been to a NSW [exposure site](#) during the relevant times must self-quarantine for 14 days from their date of exposure and be tested immediately (within 48 hours) and at day 11.

Recent arrivals into WA are asked to continue to monitor the NSW Health website for updated [exposure sites](#).

For more information, see the [announcement](#), the [frequently asked questions](#) or the [Media Statement](#).

Public health advice issued for travellers from New Zealand

WA Health has issued updated advice for recent New Zealand travellers following reports that an infectious person from Sydney travelled to New Zealand between 18-21 June.

Anyone who has recently arrived into WA from New Zealand and has been to one of the [listed exposure sites](#) during the relevant times is required to:

- Get a COVID-19 test within 48 hours
- Self-quarantine for 14 days after date of exposure
- Present for a COVID-19 test on day 11.

Anyone who has arrived into WA from the Wellington area after 18 June but hasn't visited any exposure sites should:

- Monitor for symptoms
- Get tested for COVID-19 if symptoms develop.
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The announcement is available [here](#).

Jurisdiction risk rating

New South Wales and Queensland are considered 'medium risk'. Australian Capital Territory, Northern Territory and Victoria are considered 'low risk'. South Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand are considered 'very low risk'. For more information on Western Australia's border arrangement, see the WA Government's controlled interstate border [webpage](#).

Travel from Australia to New Zealand

Due to the COVID-19 situation in Australia, all quarantine-free flights from Australia to New Zealand are temporarily paused. See the Australian Government [website](#) for more information.

Changes to legislative requirements for contact tracing data

In line with the passing of the Protection of Information (Entry Registration Information Relating to COVID-19 and Other Infectious Diseases) Bill 2021 through the legislative Assembly 21 June 2021, the Contact Register Directions have been revoked and replaced with the [Contact Register Directions \(2\)](#).

COVID-19 capacity limits

The following information does not apply to the Perth and Peel region until after the restrictions are reviewed.

WA transitioned to Phase 5 on Wednesday, June 23, ending the remainder of capacity and gathering limits for venues and events. The two square metre rule and the 75 per cent capacity limit for hospitality and entertainment venues have been removed. Major events of all kinds can resume with no limits on size or crowds. Maintaining good hygiene standards and COVID-safe principles, along with mandatory contact registers, COVID Safety Plans and COVID Event Plans will continue to be required.

Phase 6 includes the removal of WA's controlled interstate border, and travel restrictions currently in place for some remote Aboriginal communities. For more information, see the [Media Statement](#).

Updated COVID Safety Plans and Guidelines are available on the WA Government [website](#).

COVID-19 vaccination program

Western Australians should not turn up to WA community clinics unless they have already booked an appointment. Visit [Roll up for WA](#) and login to your VaccinateWA account to book an appointment. All community clinics are fully booked, but more appointments will become available as supply increases from the Australian Government.

The Australian Government has announced that GPs can now vaccinate adults aged under 60 years with the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.

This currently does not apply to WA community COVID-19 vaccination clinics, which will continue to give Pfizer to adults aged under 60 years.

WA will continue to follow ATAGI advice which states the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine is not recommended for people under 60. However, people are encouraged to discuss their options with their own GP. Vaccination is the best way to protect our community from COVID-19.

ATAGI recommendations on the use of COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca

On the 17 June 2021 ATAGI released a [statement](#) recommending that:

- The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine (Comirnaty) is preferred over COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca from the age of 16 to under 60 years. This was based on recent data regarding thrombosis and thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) cases in Australia and a reassessment of current age-specific risks and benefits of vaccination.
- The AstraZeneca vaccine can be used in adults aged under 60 years for whom Pfizer is not available, where the benefits are likely to outweigh the risks for that individual and the person has made an informed decision based on an understanding of the risks and benefits.
- People of any age without contraindications who have had their first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine without any serious adverse events should receive the second dose.

COVID-19 vaccination roll out

In line with the updated ATAGI advice the Premier and Minister for Health [announced](#) that as from 18 June 2021 people aged 50 to 59 years are able to get the Pfizer vaccine, through State-run clinics. Those aged 50 to 59 who are already booked in and due to receive their first dose of AstraZeneca will be contacted by WA Health to have their booking changed to a Pfizer booking. People aged 50 to 59 who have already had their first dose of AstraZeneca should keep their booking and continue to get their second dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine.

There are no changes to the 40 to 49 year old eligibility under the WA rollout program.

People aged 30 to 39 who have made bookings at State-run clinics will have their bookings honoured. Bookings for this cohort have been extremely high and appointments are already booked out until August. People aged 30 to 39 who have not yet made a booking are encouraged to go to [Rollup for WA](#) and register their details, so as soon as more Pfizer supply becomes available from the Commonwealth, they will be notified and able to book an appointment.

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 16 and over are eligible.

Appointments are still available for people in the Phase 1A and 1B cohorts including people who work in disability and aged care, and younger adults with a specified medical condition.

Adults aged 60 years and over can access the AstraZeneca vaccine with available clinics listed on the HealthyWA website. Eligible people can book an appointment at both metropolitan and regional locations by visiting [Rollup for WA](#) or calling 13 COVID (13 268 43).

Pfizer for pregnant women

Pregnant women are now recommended to have the Pfizer vaccine. The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) and ATAGI advise no significant safety concerns have been identified through global surveillance data. Read the full statement from the Australian Government Department of Health [here](#) and the updated COVID-19 vaccination – shared decision making guide for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or planning pregnancy [here](#).

Community clinics

Claremont Showgrounds community vaccination clinic operates seven days a week. The clinic has been scaled up to cope with the increased demand, with a new capacity of about 2,000 appointments each day. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is now offered seven days per week, while the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine is also administered on Mondays through to Wednesdays.

Joondalup community vaccination clinic administers AstraZeneca Thursday to **Friday** and Pfizer **Saturday** to Wednesday with capacity to offer 1,500 appointments each day.

Kwinana community vaccination clinic-administers AstraZeneca Mondays and Fridays and Pfizer Tuesdays to Thursdays with capacity to offer 2,000 appointments each day.

Redcliffe community vaccination clinic will commence administering both vaccines from **5 July**, offering 700 appointments a day.

Bunbury community vaccination clinic is located at the Bunbury Home Maker Centre and is open 8.30am to 4pm. It will administer the Pfizer COVID vaccine on Tuesdays to Thursdays and AstraZeneca on Mondays and Fridays, with capacity to offer more than 600 appointments each day.

Requests for alternative COVID-19 vaccine

WA Health has established a process to allow individuals over 50 years old, who meet the qualifying medical conditions, to request an alternative COVID-19 vaccine. Individuals will need a letter, in electronic format, from their GP or treating specialist outlining which of the criteria applies to them. Once this letter has been obtained, the request for alternative COVID-19 vaccination form for persons aged 50 years and over needs to be completed online.

Statewide resources

Resources can be found on the WA Government website including a variety of new posters that promote Roll up for WA. The posters include stories from people who have received the COVID-19 vaccine and information about how to book an appointment, what to expect at the community vaccination clinic and where to find more information.

Check the stakeholder kit regularly for updates. if you would like to receive a Roll up for WA poster pack please send an email to COVID19Vaccines@dpc.wa.gov.au with:

- the best mailing address
- which posters you'd like or tell us a bit about your community, so we can make a selection
- where you plan to put up the posters.

Trusted vaccine information sources

Please visit the trusted sources below for more information on vaccines:

- **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](#)
- [Rollup for WA](#)

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:

[Outbreak Restrictions \(Circuit-Break Lockdown – Level 3\) Directions](#)

[Exposure Site \(Western Australia\) Directions](#)

[Visitors to Residential Aged Care Facilities \(Circuit-Break Lockdown - Level 3\) Directions](#)

[Outbreak Outside of Western Australia Response Directions](#)

[Controlled Border for Western Australia Amendment Directions \(No 29\)](#)

[Controlled Border for Western Australia Amendment Directions \(No 28\)](#)

[Controlled Border for Western Australia Amendment Directions \(No 27\)](#)

[Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions Modification Directions \(No 2\)](#)

[Approval for Flight Crew pursuant to the Outbreak Outside of Western Australia Response Directions](#)

[Approval for Travellers under a Specified Arrangement pursuant to the Outbreak Outside of Western Australia Response Directions](#)

[Presentation for Testing Directions \(No 27\)](#)

[Entry to Kimberley Directions \(No 2\)](#)

[Northern Territory Exposure Site Directions](#)

[Quarantine Driver Directions](#)

[New Zealand Exposure Site Directions](#)

[Alliance Airlines Flight QQ383 Special Presentation for Testing and Isolation Directions](#)

[Authorisation to require a person to keep contact information for a period longer than 28 days under the Contact Register Directions](#)

[Authorisation to approve COVID event plans under the Gatherings and Activities Directions \(No 2\)](#)

[Contact Register Directions \(2\)](#)

Updated fact sheets

[Testing Criteria for SARS-CoV-2 in Western Australia #31](#)

[Rig or platform crew members](#)

[Exposed on board workers](#)

[Exposed maritime crew members](#)

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 [HealthyWA](#).

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 **24 June 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.

Business and industry

Resources for more information

- [WA Department of Health](#) and [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
- 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 6 July 2021**.

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