



PHEOC BULLETIN #84

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COVID-19 case and vaccination numbers

- **Summary:** as of **Tuesday 19 October**, in Western Australia (WA), there have been:
 - **1,112** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **107** historical cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **1,100** people recovered from COVID-19
 - **1,830,450** 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](#).

- [Mandatory vaccination of health staff](#) - 8 October 2021
- [Mandatory vaccination for the resources industry](#) - 5 October 2021
- [Mandatory vaccination for school leavers event](#) - 5 October 2021

Tasmania health advice

Public health advice was issued on 15 October 2021 after the Tasmania Government released public [exposure sites](#) associated with a positive case of COVID-19 in the community. Anyone who has been at the exposure sites at the specified times must:

- self-quarantine at a suitable premises for 14 days from date of exposure
- be tested within 48 hours and on day 12
- wear a mask when transiting to a self-quarantine premises and presenting for COVID-19 testing.

Anyone who has not been at the listed sites during the specified times is advised to [get tested](#) if they develop any symptoms that may be related to COVID-19.

Refer to the [announcement](#) for additional information.

RAT for drivers

Certain drivers entering WA within 100km of the Eucla and Kununurra border crossing must receive a rapid antigen test (RAT). As of 13 October 2021, drivers entering the state under the [Transport, Freight and Logistics Directions \(No 6\)](#) and who have been in a 'medium,' 'high' or 'extreme' risk jurisdiction in the 14 days before arrival must receive a RAT in addition to the previously outlined requirements under the Directions. Further information can be found at the Transport, Freight and Logistics [page](#) of WA.gov.au.

Queensland

Following the latest public health advice, Queensland will transition from a 'low risk' to 'very low risk' jurisdiction under the [controlled border](#) arrangement at 12:01am, 22 October 2021. Subject to certain criteria, people entering WA from or via Queensland from this time will be permitted to enter WA without the requirement to quarantine.

Refer to the [announcement](#) for additional information.

WA exposure sites

WA Health was notified on 10 October of a truck driver who returned a positive COVID-19 test in Victoria on 5 October 2021. The driver was in WA between 30 September and 3 October and was potentially infectious during this time. **All close contacts have completed 14 days of self-quarantine.**

A list of public exposure sites and corresponding health advice is available at [HealthyWA](#).

Refer to the [initial](#) and [latest](#) announcements for additional information.

New CDNA work restrictions framework

New advice from the Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA) has been released providing a framework to inform decision making for work permissions and restrictions for health care workers after a COVID-19 exposure in a health care setting in the context of an outbreak and community transmission. Refer to [Clinician Alert #68](#) for additional information.

Jurisdiction risk rating

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

COVID-19 vaccination program

New vaccination clinics in Armadale and Mirrabooka

Two new State-run vaccination clinics have been opened in [Armadale](#) and [Mirrabooka](#) giving local residents another opportunity to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Bookings are not required.

Armadale: Armadale Central Shopping Centre, 10 Orchard Avenue, Armadale. Opening times are 10am to 4.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 10am to 7pm on Thursday; and 11am to 4.30pm on Sunday.

An Aboriginal Family Day will also be held at the Armadale clinic on Saturday, 23 October, where all Aboriginal people aged 12 years and above will be welcomed to the clinic with a Welcome to Country, food and other activities provided.

Mirrabooka: The Square Mirrabooka, 43 Yirrigan Drive, Mirrabooka. Opening times are 9am to 4.30pm on Monday to Wednesday, 9am to 7pm on Thursday and 11am to 4.30pm on Sunday. While bookings are preferred, individuals are welcome to attend the clinic without an appointment.

A second pop-up clinic will open at the Herb Graham Recreation Centre in Mirrabooka for two days a week from 25 October.

Primary and community health workers

Primary and community health workers must have at least their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine to access their workplace from the 1 November 2021. The deadline to be fully vaccinated will be 1

December 2021. This workforce will include approximately 10,000 staff in private provider facilities including general practitioners, private nurse offices and consulting offices, pharmacies, dental centres, allied health facilities and private pathology centres. Health workers in community settings work closely with vulnerable groups, including the elderly and those with chronic disease or who are immunocompromised and are at increased risk of serious complications from COVID-19 infection.

Refer to the [announcement](#) for additional information

Third dose for severely immunocompromised

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) recently released new [recommendations](#) on the use of a third primary dose of COVID-19 vaccine in individuals who are severely immunocompromised. Individuals are encouraged to discuss the need for a third dose with a GP or treating specialist who best understands your health history.

For eligible people wanting to receive a third dose at a State-run community vaccination clinic you will need to provide proof of eligibility (i.e. the immunocompromised condition). For more information about how to show evidence of eligibility visit the Australian Government [website](#). At this point in time it is not possible to book via VaccinateWA or 13COVID for your third dose. As such, please just attend the clinic without an appointment and staff will ensure eligible people are able to receive their third dose vaccination.

Additional clinics and walk-ins

The new COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Perth Airport opened on Monday 11 October to accelerate COVID-19 vaccinations among resource sector workers. The airport clinic is open weekdays between 10am and 8pm for anyone working in the sector, whether they work for Rio Tinto or another company. The Claremont and Joondalup vaccination clinics are now open for people to attend without an appointment. Some regional clinics also offer the opportunity to be vaccinated without appointments, however bookings are always recommended.

Refer to the [announcement](#) for additional information.

Community vaccination clinics

There will be numerous regional pop-up clinics available for walk-ins in the coming weeks. Visit the [COVID-19 vaccine](#) webpage for a list of these clinics and their opening times

Existing [Community vaccination clinics](#) in WA include Midland, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Claremont Showgrounds, Joondalup, Kwinana, and Bunbury.

The Comirnaty (Pfizer) COVID-19 vaccine is now being rolled out to, and administered by, GPs in WA. Approved pharmacies can also now administer the Spikevax (Moderna) and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines for eligible populations. Participating GPs and pharmacies can be found by using the COVID-19 [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

Vaccine information and resources

Please visit the sources below for more information and resources related to vaccines:

- Requests for [alternative COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- 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](#) and [Rollup for WA posters](#)
- KAMS - [Get vaccinated against COVID-19 TVC Campaign](#)

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 \(No 44\)](#)

[Authorisation of Security Officers as Authorised Officers](#)

[Outbreak Outside of Western Australia Response Directions \(No 10\)](#)

[Chief Health Officer Approval to Request COVID-19 Testing on Persons who are Presenting to be Tested under the Transport, Freight and Logistics Directions \(No 6\)](#)

[Transport, Freight and Logistics Directions \(No 6\)](#)

[Residential Aged Care Facility Worker Access Directions \(No 4\)](#)

Supporting documents to [Health Worker \(Restrictions on Access\) Directions \(No 3\)](#)

[Authorisation to Perform a Function Under Paragraphs 9a and 10b of the Exposed Port Worker \(Restrictions on Access\) Directions \(No 2\)](#)

Updated fact sheets

[Principles for Health Care and Residential Aged Care Facilities](#)

[Clinician Alert #68 \(New\)](#)

[Aboriginal Sector Communication Update #28 \(New\)](#)

[Fact Sheet for Travellers from a High Risk Jurisdiction \(New\)](#)

[Fact Sheet for Travellers from a Medium Risk Jurisdiction](#)

[Fact Sheet for Travellers from a Low Risk Jurisdiction](#)

[Stay Safe at Work posters](#)

[Process of Approval for Small Cruise Ships to Sail in WA Waters](#)

Testing

General population [testing criteria](#)

The *Testing criteria for SARS-CoV-2 in Western Australia #33* has been published. Refer to the Department of Health [website](#) for further information.

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 8 October 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. AHPPC has recently released the following statements:

- [12 October 2021](#) – Statement on recommendations for managing COVID-19 health risks

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
- [Contact register](#) information
- SafeWA [user guide](#)

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 26 October 2021**.

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