



PHEOC BULLETIN #51

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COVID-19 Case numbers

- As of **Tuesday 2 March**, there have been **913** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified in Western Australia (WA) and **52** historical cases. **901** people have recovered.
- To date a total of **870,745** COVID-19 tests have been conducted in WA.
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports & WHO Dashboard](#)

Living with COVID

The 2021 State general election

The WA Electoral Commission has prepared responses to [frequently asked questions](#) in preparation for the upcoming state election.

Victorian travellers

Victoria moved from the 'medium risk' to the 'low risk' category at 12.01am Saturday, February 20.

Under the 'low risk' category, travel is permitted into WA, subject to the following strict conditions:

- complete a G2G Pass declaration, stipulating they do not have any COVID-19 symptoms, which jurisdictions the traveller has been in over the previous 14 days;
- self-quarantine for 14 days in a suitable premise;
- present for a COVID-19 test on day 11;
- all Perth Airport arrivals to undergo a health screening and temperature test on arrival;
- be prepared to take a COVID-19 test at the airport COVID clinic, if deemed necessary by a health clinician (voluntary asymptomatic testing available for all airport arrivals); and
- land arrivals to be met at the border checkpoint, for a health screening and to have their G2G Pass declaration checked before proceeding to self-quarantine premise.

State-by-state risk rating

All jurisdictions except Victoria are considered 'very low risk' and are permitted to enter WA without COVID-19 testing or self-quarantine requirements.

They are still, however, required to complete a G2G PASS declaration and undergo a health screening upon arrival into WA.

The WA Chief Health Officer will continue to monitor and review border controls to determine if any further adjustments can be made in the future.

For more information, see the WA Government's controlled interstate border [webpage](#).

Events

The Public Events team within the Department of Health is undertaking a review of events in WA with recommendations to be provided to the Chief Health Officer for decision/approval to inform the COVID Event Guidelines and Limit the Spread Directions.

Contact tracing training modules

A series of four e-learning modules have been developed to support surveillance officers within the Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (PHEOC) Operations Team. Health professionals who are interested in contact tracing are welcome to complete the training.

These modules can be found under 'Fact sheets and [further resources](#)'.

COVID-19 Vaccination Program

WA marked the first week of the COVID-19 vaccination program with the first jab administered on Monday 22 February. WA Health started offering vaccinations from Tuesday 2 March in new clinics at Fiona Stanley Hospital, Royal Perth Hospital and the first regional centre at Bunbury Health Campus. [Find out more](#).

For the most up-to date information on the COVID-19 Vaccination Program, please visit the trusted sources below:

- **HealthyWA** - COVID-19 [Vaccine](#) (for consumers) including FAQs for the WA community about the COVID-19 vaccination program.
- **WA Health** - COVID-19 [Vaccination Program](#) (for health professionals) including targeted information for WA health providers and how to [subscribe](#) to the WA COVID-19 Vaccine Update.
- **The Australian Government** - COVID-19 [vaccines hub](#) including the latest news and information about the development, approval process and rollout plans for the COVID-19 vaccines.

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:

[Visitors to Residential Aged Care Facilities Directions \(No 7\)](#)
[Revocation \(Visitors to Residential Aged Care Facilities Directions \(No 6\) Directions\)](#)
[Presentation for Testing \(Quarantine Centre Workers\) Directions \(No 6\)](#)
[Victorian Outbreak Response \(No 2\) Revocation Directions](#)

Amended Directions:

[Controlled Border for Western Australia Amended Directions \(No 15\)](#)

Updated fact sheets

[Clinician alert #47 – all clinicians](#)
[Testing Criteria for SARS-CoV-2 in WA #27](#)

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** an acute respiratory infection (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 29 January 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:

- [3 February 2021](#) – Updated statement on minimising the potential risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools

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 9 March 2021**.

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