



# PHEOC BULLETIN #69

**Wednesday 7 July 2021 14:00 Hours**

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## COVID-19 case and vaccination numbers

- **Summary:** as of **Wednesday 7 July**, in Western Australia (WA), there have been:
  - **1,033** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified
  - **98** historical cases of COVID-19 notified
  - **1,012** people recover from COVID-19
  - **1,403,144** 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](#).

- [05 July 2021](#) - **Relaxation of Perth-Peel region restrictions**
- [02 July 2021](#) - **Clarification of whether indoor classes are allowed**
- [02 July 2021](#) - **Relaxation of lockdown restrictions**
- [29 June 2021](#) - Implementation of restrictions
- [27 June 2021](#) - Implementation of restrictions
- [23 June 2021](#) - Controlled border controls New South Wales

### End of lockdown for Perth and Peel

The Perth and Peel lockdown ended as planned at 12:01am on Saturday 3 July, with interim restrictions in place until Monday, July 12. For more information on WA's transition out of lockdown, see the [announcement](#), the [Media Statement](#) or [information](#) about current restrictions.

People who develop COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild, should present for a test at a COVID-19 [testing clinic](#). People should also continue to monitor WA's [exposure sites](#) and follow the public health advice.

### Victoria to move to 'very low risk'

Following the latest public health advice, and pending no further outbreaks, Victoria will become a 'very low risk' state from 12.01am, Friday 9 July.

Travellers from Victoria will be permitted to enter WA without quarantine requirements but will be subject to strict conditions of entry.

See the [announcement](#) and the [Media Statement](#) for more information.

## WA's hard border with Queensland and New South Wales

Travel from QLD or NSW is not currently permitted, except for exempt travellers.

Recent arrivals into WA from QLD are asked to continue to monitor the [exposure sites](#) and anyone who recently arrived from QLD prior to the hard border being introduced should continue to comply with their existing Directions under the low risk settings, provided to them upon entry to the State.

Recent arrivals into WA from NSW are asked to continue to monitor the [exposure sites](#) and 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.

Restrictions also apply to anyone who has recently been in QLD and/or NSW and has not subsequently been in a 'very low risk' state or territory for 14 days.

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

[Frequently asked questions](#) on WA's controlled border is available on the [WA Government website](#).

## WA strengthens border with Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory

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](#).

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

### Travel from Australia to New Zealand

Quarantine-free travel from Western Australia to New Zealand will resume from 11:59pm (NZT) on Friday 9 July. For more information, see the Australian Government [website](#) and New Zealand's COVID-19 [website](#).

## Community

### Outbreak Restrictions (Transitional) Directions (No 2)

An amendment has been made to the transitional Directions dated 6 July 2021 to clarify the restrictions relating to community sport. Please refer to paragraphs 15 and 16 of the new [Directions](#).

### Mask use

When there is a community outbreak, the use of face masks is important in public spaces where there is a higher risk of transmission due to the mixing of people in the community and difficulty in physical distancing.

The Directions that require mask use offer a list of exceptions, including if the person has a physical or mental illness, condition or disability that makes wearing a face mask unsuitable.

If they believe their patient's medical condition is serious enough that they are unable to safely wear a mask, registered health practitioners can provide their patients with a letter that confirms this. They do not need to define the condition.

## 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.

### 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 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 **now** offers 700 appointments a day, administering **AstraZeneca (Dose 2) on Mondays and Fridays and Pfizer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.**

**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.

## 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](#)

## 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 \(Transitional\) Directions \(No 2\)](#)

[Vessel Status Directions](#)

[Visitors to Residential Aged Care Facilities \(Outbreak Restrictions \(Transitional\)\) Directions](#)

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

## Updated fact sheets

[Clinician Alert #60](#)

[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 13 July 2021**.

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