



Quarantine Driver Directions fact sheet

On 25 June 2021, the State Emergency Coordinator of Western Australia signed the Quarantine Driver Directions (**Directions**). These Directions require certain persons who work as quarantine drivers to present for COVID-19 testing and to wear a face mask while providing transport services. These Directions replace the Quarantine Centre Drivers Directions (**previous directions**).

This fact sheet presents a summary only of the obligations arising under the Directions and does not replace the Directions, which are the legal instrument that you must comply with. The signed Direction is available at <https://www.wa.gov.au>.

Quarantine Driver Directions

A *quarantine driver* is any person who is employed or otherwise engaged to provide transport services to:

- any person who is subject to quarantine requirements or
- any person who is an international flight crew member.

What is a transport service?

A *transport service* is either or both of:

- the driving of a *transport vehicle*:
 - to and from a quarantine centre to any place; or
 - to and from an approved crew hotel to any place; or
 - from a port or airport to a hospital; and
- any other activity which requires a person to be physically present on a transport vehicle other than a passenger while it is being used for any of the above purposes.

A *transport vehicle* means a vehicle that has been arranged by, or in consultation between, the owner or operator of the vehicle with any of:

- the State Health Incident Command Centre; or
- the Department of Health; or
- an airline or airport operator; or
- a shipping agent,

to transport one or more people, subject to quarantine requirements, or any international flight crew member. A *transport vehicle* does not include a taxi or rideshare but does include an ambulance or a bus.

Testing requirements

A person who is a quarantine driver is required to present to a COVID Clinic for testing under the:

48-hour presentation protocol – nose and throat swabs

You must present for testing within 48 hours of completing your first shift as a quarantine driver. If you complied with the same requirement under the previous Directions, you do not need to comply with it again under these Directions.

Seven-day presentation protocol – nose and throat swabs

The seven day presentation protocol is a rolling requirement to present for testing while you are a quarantine driver. You must present for testing within 7 days after the day on which you:

- were last tested;
- completed your first shift as a quarantine driver;
- completed your first shift as a quarantine driver after a period of leave or absence of more than 14 days.

You are required to continue to comply with this protocol for 14 days after:

- you complete your last shift before taking a period of leave or absence from your position as a quarantine driver for more than 14 days
- you cease being a quarantine driver.

Requirement to isolate

While waiting for your test result you do not need to isolate unless you have symptoms at the time of the test or are directed otherwise. You **can** continue to work and undertake your daily activities, and the people with whom you live **can** continue to work and undertake their daily activities.

COVID clinics

You can attend any of the following COVID clinics for your seven-day nose and throat swab. When you arrive at the COVID clinic please inform the clinic that you are a quarantine driver.

Metropolitan COVID clinics

- Armadale Health Service, Ground Floor, 3056 Albany Highway, Mount Nasura
- Fiona Stanley Hospital, Bedbrook Row, North-eastern end of hospital, Murdoch
- Joondalup Hospital, Car Park P4, Regents Park Road, Joondalup
- Royal Perth Hospital, Ground Floor, Ainslie House, 48 Murray Street, Perth
- Rockingham General Hospital, Elanora Drive, Cooloongup
- Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, C Block, Hospital Avenue, Nedlands
- St John of God Midland Hospital, Yelverton Drive, Midland

Regional COVID clinics

- Broome Hospital, Corner of Anne and Robinson Streets, Broome
- Bunbury Health Campus, Bussell Highway (cnr Robertson Drive; 30m left of the main entrance) Kununurra District Hospital, 96 Coolibah Drive, Kununurra

Regional hospital Emergency Departments

- Albany Regional Hospital
- Geraldton Regional Hospital
- Port Hedland Regional Hospital (Hedland Health Campus)
- Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital
- Any emergency department of a public hospital that is located outside of the Perth metropolitan area and is not specified above.

Please take a legible form of identification (ID) such as your driver's licence so the clinic can validate your name and date of birth. Please also take your work ID. It is also important to be able to provide a mobile phone number so your results can be sent to you.

Further details, including opening hours of these clinics, are available at:
https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/COVID-clinics.

Further details, including contact details of regional clinics are available at:
<https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/-/media/HWA/Documents/Health-conditions/COVID19/COVID19where-to-get-tested-in-regional-and-remote-WA.pdf>

Results

You will receive your result via SMS within 72 hours if you were tested at a WA Department of Health COVID clinic or country hospital. If you have not received your result within 48 hours, please contact the Results Hotline **1800 313 223** between 8am to 4pm, 7 days per week. If you have been tested in a regional or remote area, please be aware that there may be a delay in receiving your results.

Evidence of a COVID-19 test

You must retain evidence of every test you have for COVID-19 and produce it upon request to a relevant officer (which includes a police officer and a person authorised under the *Public Health Act 2016*). You will be provided with the opportunity to photograph the pathology form when you have a test and store this on your phone as a record of your attendance.

If you develop symptoms of COVID-19

If you develop symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, respiratory symptoms such as cough, sore throat or runny nose, or loss of smell or taste, you must call 13 COVID (13 268 43) immediately. During office hours, you may also call the Department of Health's Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (PHEOC) directly on 1300 316 555 (8am-5pm, 7 days a week). Report your symptoms and comply with any instruction given.

If you test positive

If you receive a positive result from a COVID-19 test you are legally required to isolate in accordance with the Isolation (Diagnosed) Directions (No 2) unless otherwise directed. You are not able to continue working. A member of PHEOC will contact you to advise what action to take. They will seek to identify who you have been in close contact with whilst you were potentially infectious. This is known as contact tracing. You will only be permitted to stop isolation and resume your usual activities when you are officially released from isolation by the PHEOC.

Face mask requirement

You must wear a **face mask** at all times while providing **transport services** unless:

- you have a physical or mental illness, condition or disability which makes wearing a face mask unsuitable; or
- you are communicating with a person who is deaf, and visibility of the mouth is essential for communication; or
- you are asked to remove your face mask to ascertain identity; or
- not wearing a face mask is otherwise required or authorised by law; or
- wearing a face mask is not safe.

Details of quarantine driver

If you are the owner, occupier or person in charge of a transport vehicle, you must provide the following details of the quarantine driver to the State Health Incident Controller by email to SHICC.nonhealthops@health.wa.gov.au.

- name; and
- address; and
- telephone number; and
- date of birth; and
- the dates on which the quarantine driver provided transport services.

Refusal to comply

If you fail to comply with the Quarantine Driver Directions it may be an offence, which is punishable by imprisonment for up to 12 months or a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for bodies corporate.

The information provided in this factsheet is intended as a summary only. To see the complete Quarantine Driver Directions that you are required to comply with, please visit www.wa.gov.au

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