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WA's Safe Transition

As announced by the Premier this afternoon, WA's border will be reopening on 3 March to enable safe travel into WA from interstate and overseas. Full details are available on the WA Government's website, including articles on [WA's full border opening](#) and [New public health and social measures](#). The summary of [WA's Safe Transition Plan](#) is also available.

TTIQ for workplaces

As WA transitions to living with COVID-19, and caseloads are higher within the community – businesses, facilities and service providers will be required to play a more active role in managing COVID-19 related communications within their workplaces.

The [WA COVID-19 TTIQ Plan](#) provides guidance and [resources for businesses, facilities, and service providers](#) to assist with this transition.

These resources provide information on how to notify close contacts in the workplace of a case and the testing, contact tracing, isolation and quarantine (TTIQ) requirements in different settings – including businesses, school and aged care.

As part of this transition WA Health's contact tracing focus will shift from managing individual cases and contacts to supporting settings where there are higher impacts from transmission of COVID-19.

System Alert and Response

As reported in Wednesday's global, following the rise of locally acquired cases to over 100 per day, Western Australian State Public Health System move to a full AMBER (COVID-19 Alert) level on the [System Alert and Response \(SAR\) framework](#) over the next fortnight.

The information on this webpage is regularly updated and staff should familiarise themselves with the latest advice.

Healthcare Worker Furloughing Guidelines updates

The [Furloughing of healthcare staff](#) Guidelines has recently been updated. Please visit the Transition policies and resources for healthcare workers page on the Department's website for further information.

Elective surgery bookings update

Please be advised that the temporary scale down of elective surgery set to commence on March 14 at all WA public hospitals, and on March 21 at some larger private hospitals, relates to all surgery, not just non-urgent multi-day elective surgery as reported in yesterday's staff global.

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