



Short-stay elective surgeries to resume at private hospitals

[Private hospitals have resumed same day and single night stay Category 2 and 3 elective surgeries](#) following review by the Chief Health Officer.

The lower-than-expected number of COVID-19 cases requiring hospitalisation has enabled these elective surgeries to resume. Surge capacity in private hospitals remains available which can be rapidly deployed if required.

There is no change to Category 1 bookings in both public and private hospitals and the surgery schedule for these will continue as usual.

The surgery restrictions in both public and private sectors are being continuously reviewed based on COVID-19 case numbers and hospitalisation rates and advice from the Chief Health Officer.

COVID-19 vaccination

Enhanced access and sensory clinics at Kwinana and Carramar

The vaccination clinics at [Kwinana](#) and [Carramar](#) have been set up to support people with disabilities, mental health conditions, and those who require a low sensory environment or who may need other additional support to receive their vaccination.

The enhanced access and sensory clinics provide quiet, large and separate consultation rooms, accessible parking directly in front of the clinic, a range of distraction and sensory options, hoists to support people with mobility issues and trained staff to assist people who require additional support. Therapy dogs are also available on certain days of the week.

Bookings are strongly recommended, and further information is available at the [Roll up for WA website](#).

Getting vaccinated after testing positive for COVID-19

People who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 can be vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine. The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation

(ATAGI) recommends these people have their next dose of the vaccine once they have fully recovered from acute illness.

People can choose to defer the dose by up to 4 months after COVID-19 infection and should seek advice from their healthcare provider about what is best for them.

Learn more about vaccination after testing positive for COVID-19 at the [Australian Department of Health website](#).

Actual vs scenario modelled case data

Regular COVID-19 data updates are available which compare actual WA COVID-19 case numbers against scenario modelling.

The update includes cumulative cases, COVID-19 ward and ICU admissions, and vaccination status of hospital admissions.

The bi-weekly update is available on the [Department of Health website](#).

Department of Health web resources

COVID-19 information and resources are updated regularly on the [Department of Health](#) and [HealthyWA](#) websites.

Department of Health updates include:

- [Furloughing of healthcare staff guidance](#)
- [Designated Zoning Posters for Residential Aged Care Facilities](#)
- [Management of COVID-19 outbreaks on international commercial vessels in Western Australia industry factsheet](#).

HealthyWA updates include:

[COVID-19 Care Plans](#), with plans available for download for:

- [adults](#) and
- [parents and children](#).

COVID-19 staff update webinar

All WA health system staff are invited to weekly COVID-19 update webinars presented by senior COVID-19 response executives.

Visit the [HealthPoint home page](#) to learn weekly topics and presenters and to access the MS Teams invitation – next week's webinar is scheduled for 11 am Monday 28 March.

[A recording of this week's webinar is available](#) on the staff intranet, which featured Professor Fraser Brims, Consultant Respiratory Physician and Head of the Department of Respiratory Medicine from Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, who discussed COVID-19 case presentations.

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