



8 June 2022

COVID-19 caseload update

A total of 7,720 new COVID-19 cases were reported to 8 pm Tuesday night. This brings us to 38,293 currently active cases in Western Australia with 283 people with COVID-19 in hospital, 15 of which are in ICU.

WA has recorded 789,196 cases since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

Triple dose vaccination still required for healthcare workers

All staff are reminded that while mandatory vaccination requirements are eased later this week, [healthcare workers](#) are still required to be triple dose vaccinated.

This covers all WA health system staff and all workers/contractors entering the hospital, such as maintenance staff working at hospitals. Workers attending on an ad hoc basis (less than once a week), are excepted.

Easing public health measures

Returning unvaccinated Australians and permanent residents are no longer required to quarantine for 7 days on return to WA. This means the current weekly cap of 70 unvaccinated international arrivals (Australians or permanent residents) will no longer apply, with the removal of the quarantine requirement.

From 15 June, Directions to restrict access to Remote Aboriginal Communities will be removed given the wider spread of COVID-19 across the State.

Visit the [WA Government website](#) for more information.

Flu vaccine update

Free influenza vaccinations in June

The WA Government is providing [free influenza vaccines](#) for all Western Australians throughout June.

The free vaccinations are available at COVID-19 community vaccination clinics across WA and at participating pharmacies and GPs.

All staff are encouraged to let friends and family know about this opportunity to protect against influenza free of charge.

Requirement to consent or decline influenza vaccination

Staff can now complete the [WA Health staff influenza immunisation program registration form](#) (external site) using VaccinateWA.

A reminder that the [WA Health Staff Member Influenza Vaccination Program Policy](#) requires all staff to complete the influenza form by 30 June each year to either:

- consent or decline to the influenza vaccination
- state that they have already received the influenza vaccination elsewhere in that calendar year.

COVID-19 staff update webinar

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

Visit the [HealthPoint home page](#) for topics and presenters and to access the MS Teams invitation – the next webinar is scheduled for **2:30 pm Thursday 9 June 2022**.

Recordings of previous webinars are also available on the staff [intranet](#).

Updated web resources

COVID-19 information and resources are regularly updated on the department's websites. Recent updates include:

- [Information for tour operators fact sheet](#)
- [contact information](#) regarding where to get tested for COVID-19 in regional and remote areas

[new information](#) for people at greater risk of serious illness from COVID-19, including eligibility for anti-viral medications.